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US will try to get UN resolution implemented

Gulf war will end soon: Walters

By Jadranka Porter

THE US Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, has expressed hope that the Iraq-Iran war will end soon because "the people of both countries must be tired of the conflict."

He pledged further US efforts towards implementing the UN ceasefire resolution.

Walters was speaking at a news conference before leaving Kuwait for Oman.

"I wouldn't say that I have a real indication that the war is drawing to an end but I am an old soldier and I know what war is about. War is one thing in the capital, it is another thing in the trenches," said Walters, who held the rank of general in the US Army.

Stress

He said the Gulf war figured prominently in the wide-ranging and useful discussions he had with HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the minister of state for Cabinet Affairs and the under-secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His visit to Kuwait, his first to the Gulf state, forms part of a Middle East and Gulf tour which includes visits to all the countries of the region except the two Yemenis.

He stressed the UN Security Council resolution 598 calling for the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran conflict is not dead and pointed out that the US will never abandon



HH the Amir yesterday received Walters (left).

don't support for it.

"We will work hard and earnestly and urge all our friends to help us get the second resolution on the embargo if Iran does not accept 598," Walters said.

He indicated that President Reagan would attempt to enlist Soviet support for the embargo resolution during his visit to Moscow at the end of this month.

Walters said that Iran's Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who recently declared that Iran was at war with the US, is given to great exaggerations.

He added that the US prefers to keep Iran worrying about

what would be a sufficient provocation for the US to consider itself at war with Iran.

He said he was unaware of any proposed deal for the release of American hostages held in Beirut.

"We don't believe that the way you do things is to bargain with the terrorists and in no way will the United States ever bring pressure of any kind in that troublesome area upon the Kuwaiti government," said Walters.

The American hostages are held by Shi'ite Muslim militants who demand the release of 17 terrorists held in Kuwait.

Discussions on hostages in public, he said, could harm their safety. "We should think of the hostages always, we should speak much about them in private but not often in public. The less one talks about it the safer they are."

Commenting on the reported threat by Hezbollah in Beirut to kill the hostages in the event of Syrian troops penetrating into the suburbs in southern Beirut, Walters said: "It is a savage statement. I hope they will not be insane and do something like that. Such an action would obviously have consequences."

He later arrived in Muscat, the Omani capital.

Zia to quit Army by March 1990

RAWALPINDI, May 23, (UPI): President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who seized power in a coup nearly 11 years ago, said today he would step down as Army chief by March 1990, but he raised the possibility of seeking another term as President.

In an interview, Zia also said he was encouraged by Muslim guerrilla successes in Afghanistan since the Soviet withdrawal began May 15. Zia held out the possibility that Pakistan might recognize a provisional rebel government even before the expected fall of the communist regime in Kabul.

The 64-year-old Army chief, the architect of a civilian government that has emerged since he

lifted martial law in 1985, said his purpose for retaining control of the military would be served by 1990 and that he would then hand over authority to "the next man."

By 1990, Zia said he would have provided "a little boost" to the ruling party "to give them sustainability and some strength... so they don't have to worry about a fourth martial law, another military coup or something like that."

It was the first time that Zia has set a date by which he will surrender the military post — a position the opposition has demanded he relinquish, saying it is incompatible with the largely

ceremonial role of President. "There's a phase which finishes in March 1990," Zia said. "I've not given thought of what (lies) beyond 1990. But one thing is certain, I will not be in uniform beyond 1990. Whether I am the President or not is a different story."

Zia's critics, including opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, charge that he derives his power primarily from his control over the military and that his resignation as Army chief would be a significant step toward strengthening civilian rule in Pakistan.

Under the 1973 constitution amended in 1985, the presidential term of five years must end no

later than March 1990, when a new President will be elected by the National Assembly under a party system.

While raising the possibility of seeking another presidential term, Zia said: "The chances are less because I've not joined any party. I can only be President beyond March 1990 if I am elected by the legislature."

Zia, as Army chief, led a coup July 5, 1977, that toppled Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the father of Benazir, amid widespread charges of vote rigging in parliamentary elections. Bhutto was charged with the murder of a political rival and hanged two years later despite international appeals to Zia for clemency.

Minister fails to get service from 101

By Hussein Salama

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Shaban, after failing to get service from the 101 information line at different times, he said that he now understands how citizens feel about not being able to get the needed service and information.

He has promised to solve the problem.

He explained that 40 female operators now work six hours a day on the information line. He said that one way of alleviating some of the pressure on the 101 line would be to reduce the work hours to four and provide training for the operators in efficient work procedures and public relations.

He also said the telephone directory could be redesigned, so that the listings are in alphabetical order by the surname in an attempt to take some of the load off the need for 101 service.

Bills

Al Shaban said that current telephone bills are now being paid promptly but overdue bills totalling KD27 million dating back to before 1978 were still being studied by the ministry before turning them over to the Council of Ministers for action.

He added that expatriates who did not wish to pay the KD500 deposit for overseas telephone service could subscribe to local service without paying the deposit.

The minister said that Gulf Cooperation Council states are working on a joint communications system and a decision was made in March to link Oman with the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait with Bahrain by marine cable.

Opposition throws a challenge to Rajiv

V. P. Singh to contest crucial by-election

NEW DELHI, May 23, (Reuters): India's fragmented opposition came together today to put up Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's best known political rival, V.P. Singh, in a crucial by-election next month.

Singh filed his nomination to the Allahabad parliamentary constituency in India's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, as a joint opposition candidate to fill a vacancy caused last year when movie idol and Rajiv intimate Amitabh Bachchan resigned.

Rajiv overlooked Bachchan, who stepped down in the midst of a series of corruption scandals, to pick Sunil Shastri, son of a former

prime minister, as his Congress (I) party candidate for the prestigious seat.

Allahabad is the birthplace and former parliamentary constituency of independent India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajiv's grandfather.

Singh quit Rajiv's camp in 1986 and launched a national campaign to focus attention on opposition charges that kickbacks were paid by West German and Swedish companies to secure Indian defence contracts.

The charges involve West Germany's Howaldtswerk-Deutsche Werft AG of Kiel, which was contracted to supply the Indian Navy with four HDW type 150

submarines and Sweden's Bofors which sold the Indian Army \$1.3 billion worth of field artillery.

The Indian government and the companies have denied any wrongdoing.

The Allahabad seat is one of seven parliamentary and 12 state assembly seats at stake in one of the last electoral contests before general elections due early in 1989.

Shastri, son of a popular former Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, is expected to be a formidable opponent.

The Congress (I) has put up candidates for every seat in the by-elections.

Dhaka hanged 561 for taking part in coup

DHAKA, May 23, (UPI): Authorities hanged 561 Bangladesh Air Force personnel who participated in an abortive 1977 coup against President Zia-ur Rahman, a report on the ill-fated military insurrection said today.

The 30-page report entitled "The History of the Bangladesh Air Force," the first official account of the one-day rebellion, said the takeover attempt on Oct. 2, 1977, failed because of action against the rebels by an Army division guarding Dhaka.

"On Oct. 2, 1977, the blackest day in the history of the Bangladesh Air Force, there was staged a coup that led to the hanging of 561 airmen," the booklet said.

The report said an unspecified number of Air Force personnel commandeered 25 vehicles and rushed to the airport, where Air Force chief Mohammad Mahmud had negotiated the departure of a Japanese Airlines plane that had been hijacked by the leftist Red Army organisation. The report, completed for

internal distribution among military officials, detailed how the rebels killed 11 senior officers "and a large number of others" at the airport after the plane had departed.

It said the coup participants then occupied the television station, but that Dhaka's 9th Division moved against the group, crushing the insurrection by the end of the day.

Attempts The report did not say when the executions occurred, but officials said the men accused of involvement in the uprising were hanged over a six-month period under direct orders from President Zia-ur Rahman, later killed in a 1981 coup.

Twenty-one coup attempts have been recorded in the turbulent 17-year-old history of Bangladesh.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, who gained power in a bloodless March 1982 coup, has faced violent political demonstrations organised by opponents demanding his resignation.

Danish film wins in Cannes

CANNES, France, May 23, (AP): The Danish movie "Pelle the Conqueror" today won the Golden Palm award as best film of the 41st Cannes Film Festival.

French film star Gerard Depardieu presented the coveted prize to Danish director Bille August.

The prize for best actor was awarded to Forest Whitaker for his portrayal of jazz great Charlie Parker in the American film "Bird," directed by Clint Eastwood.



Arafat denies

TUNIS, (Reuters): PLO leader Yasser Arafat has denied what he called an official US accusation that he had approved plans for revenge attacks on American targets for last month's slaying of his military deputy.

Plane hijacked

PANAMA CITY, (Reuters): A gunman claiming to be terminally ill hijacked a Colombian airliner on a domestic flight yesterday, freed all 131 passengers and flight attendants and forced the crew to fly to Panama. About three hours after landing in Panama, the plane was refueled and took off again. Officials said the destination was the Caribbean island of Aruba, off the coast of Colombia.

Millions for cats

LONDON, (Reuters): A British antiques dealer has left £7 million (\$13 million) to cat charities and nothing to relatives, friends have said. "You could hear a pin drop," said Donny Hood, a friend who attended the reading of 82-year-old Ben Rea's will. Rea, described as a millionaire recluse who wore shabby, second-hand clothes, was buried last Wednesday.

Chinese pledge

BEIJING, (AP): Chinese Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang has promised visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo that China would continue to support Pakistan's stand on the Afghanistan issue.

Noriega deal

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President Reagan has sent his envoy back to Panama to press for a deal that would oust General Manuel Antonio Noriega, but he discouraged talk he wanted the deal done before he leaves for the Moscow summit.

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Attack on UK tanker

Iraq rejects British protest

BAGHDAD, May 23, (Agencies): Iraq has rejected a British protest over an Iraqi air raid in the Gulf in which the British-flag tanker Burmah Endeavour was set on fire, the official Iraqi News Agency INA reported today.

The agency issued texts of the British government protest, delivered to the Iraqi embassy in London on May 17, and Baghdad's reply two days later.

Britain described the attack on the Burmah Endeavour as premeditated, unjustified and illegal. It said it clearly breached the UN Security Council resolution last July which ordered a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war and

was accepted by the Iraqi government.

Iraq replied that the ship was in "an area of war operations within Iran's territorial waters, which means that it was dealing and cooperating with Iran to revive its economy... to continue the aggressive war against Iraq."

The Burmah Endeavour was hit on May 14 in an Iraqi raid on Iran's Larak oil terminal. The Iraqi jets also damaged the world's biggest tanker, the 564,739-tonne Liberian-registered Seawise Giant, and two other tankers.

The British government said it

reserved the right to claim compensation for casualties, damage and expenses resulting from the attack on the Burmah Endeavour.

Iraq said it was not liable for the consequences of legitimate war operations.

International law allowed Iraq, as party to an armed conflict with Iran, to carry out war operations against ships cooperating with the enemy, it said.

Iraq warned today it may launch fresh offensives against Iran if Tehran continued to reject a peaceful settlement of the Gulf conflict.

Beirut clashes continue

Syria rejects Iranian plan for joint force

BEIRUT, May 23, (UPI): Fighting between rival Shiite Muslim groups continued for a 19th day today amid reports that Syria had rejected a proposed truce between the two sides because it called for an Iranian role in monitoring the ceasefire, police and political sources said.

Police said the Iran-inspired Hezbollah exchanged sporadic rocket and machine-gun fire today with the pro-Syrian Amal militia, leaving five people dead, including two fundamentalists, and 15 wounded. The latest casualties brought the toll in the 19-day suburbs war to 231 dead and more than 1,000 wounded.

Political sources said Syria

had rejected an Iranian truce proposal that called for the deployment of a joint force to re-establish peace and order in the sprawling suburbs, where fierce fighting between Amal and Hezbollah erupted on May 6.

"Syria refuses any Iranian peace role... they want to take control of security in the suburbs just as they did in West Beirut," one source said.

He said the proposal was made by Iran's envoy, Hussein Sheikh-holeslam, at a meeting overnight Sunday of the four-man security committee. The committee also includes a Syrian military observer and representatives from Amal and Hezbollah.

"The meeting was called off after the rejection of the Iranian proposal," the source said.

Syria, a power broker in Lebanon with 30,000 troops, has massed several thousand troops on the outskirts of the slums, but it has not yet directed the soldiers to enter the battle zone. Some 7,000 troops maintain security in West Beirut under a peace plan that ended militia rule in February 1987.

Political sources said Iran was opposed to a large-scale Syrian deployment in the impoverished suburbs "because they fear it could lead to freeing the foreign hostages before fulfilling the purpose for which the captives were

taken."

"Iran also wants guarantees about the political and military future of Hezbollah once the Syrians have taken control of the suburbs," a source said.

The leftist As-Safir newspaper today quoted Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Vice-President, as saying the Syrian deployment in the suburbs does not aim at releasing the hostages "and this issue does not interest us since our current relations with the United States are not well off."

Iranian and Syrian officials, negotiating for more than a week, have so far failed to reach a ceasefire agreement.

Sikh pilgrims return to Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, India, May 23, (Agencies): More than 15,000 Sikhs filed solemnly into the Golden Temple today as the sect's holiest shrine opened its doors to the public for the first time since a police siege ended.

The temple was closed during the May 9-18 police siege, which was aimed at driving out Sikh separatists, who have been waging a guerrilla war for an independent homeland since 1982. It had turned the Golden Temple into an armed camp.

Services in the inner sanctum, which were suspended on the second day of the siege, were resumed by priests yesterday after volunteers washed the floor of the temple with milk in a ceremonial purification.

Police searched all the returning devotees today for weapons in an Amritsar police station, then moved them in four city buses to the temple for worship.

The two-week suspension of rituals was the longest break in the 400-year history of the Sikh faith's holiest shrine.

Sikh separatists fighting for an independent homeland they call Khalistan in the prosperous northern state of Punjab, have effectively taken over the temple several times.

The 1984 Army operation, in which more than 1,000 people were killed, was aimed at rooting them out but Sikhs were outraged at what they saw as sacrilege. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by Sikh bodyguards four months later.

Militants were chased out again in 1986. After the latest siege by paramilitary police ended, the Punjab authorities are making unprecedented moves to ensure there is no recurrence.

Turkish foreign minister arrives Bomb blasts rock Athens

ATHENS, May 23, (AP): A local terrorist group today claimed responsibility for bomb attacks in downtown Athens against cars owned by Turkish diplomats, security police said.

The explosions occurred hours before Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz was arriving for a four-day visit.

The leftwing November 17 group, which has taken responsibility for more than a dozen political killings in Greece, made the claim in a statement sent to the Athens afternoon daily Ethnos, a security police spokesman said.

The five-page typewritten statement was published in today's edition of the leftwing newspaper, saying it had targeted "the fascist Turkish regime which has occupied Cypriot territory by force for the past 14 years."

Premier Andreas Papandreu's Socialist government condemned the attacks, which caused no injuries but damaged two cars belonging to Turkish

Embassy administrative officials.

"The government expresses abhorrence for these criminal bomb attacks and condemns most categorically every form of terrorism, whatever its origin," a government statement said.

Bombs exploded beneath cars parked 300 metres apart in a downtown residential area.

Defused
Greek bomb disposal experts defused other devices left beneath two other Turkish cars parked near the embassy building on Vassilios Georgiou Street close to the city centre, said the security police spokesman.

Yilmaz arrived today at the head of a Turkish delegation which will hold political cooperation talks with senior Greek officials on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The talks are being held under tight security at a seaside hotel near Athens airport following anti-Turkish threats by Cypriots, Kurdish political



A senior police officer inspects the trunk of a wrecked car in central Athens. (Reuters wirephoto)

refugees and Greeks who formerly lived in the Turkish city of Istanbul.

The Cypriots are protesting the continuing presence of an estimated 30,000 Turkish troops in Northern Cyprus. Turkey invaded the Mediterranean island in July 1974 following an Athens-inspired coup.

Since then, the island has been split into separate Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

Targets
In the past, November 17 has targeted American diplomats and leading Greek businessmen. The group is named for the day in 1973 that troops crushed a

Foreign films on Dhaka TV 'no threat to morality'

DHAKA, May 23, (Reuters): Foreign films shown on Bangladesh state television are educational and not intended to promote nudity or open sex, Information Minister Mahbubur Rahman said in parliament.

"Bangladesh TV has never telecast a kissing scene in any film apart from those between mother and children," he said.

"It never screens nude films. It shows only those English movies which contain educational elements and never flout religious, social and moral values," he said.

Rahman was answering charges by opposition members that television was hurting religious feelings by showing too many Western feature films and documentaries.

More than 90 per cent of Bangladesh's 105 million people are believers of Islam, which imposes stringent restrictions on sexuality.

The minister sought to shift blame on Indian Television, watched widely in Bangladesh, saying "Some might have seen naked movies over the (India's) Doordarshan."

The TV went off the air for five minutes last year after censors let slip through a kissing scene in the popular US serial Dallas and technicians inadvertently switched off the broadcast.

Plot uncovered to disrupt Olympics

TORONTO, May 23, (UPI): US military and CIA officials uncovered a terrorist plot that would create "six weeks of terror" throughout the world and force cancellation of the Summer Olympics in Seoul, the Toronto Sun reported.

The Sun reported sources said terrorists have targeted such airlines as TWA, British Airways, Air France and Air Canada and plan to attack their aircraft and facilities throughout the world.

The proposed campaign focuses on New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, Toronto and Hong Kong, where a series of bombs are to be set off in June to discourage passengers from attending the Games, the paper said. The terrorists also want "Japanese Red Army snipers, hijackers and bombers" to infiltrate Seoul via Hong Kong before the Sept 17 opening of the Olympics, the Sun said.

The report quoted an unidentified Central Intelligence Agency source as saying that if the bombings did not discourage travellers from attending the

Games, "there could be more killing that would dwarf the 1972 incident when more than 20 Israelis were killed at the Olympics."

Mastermind
The mastermind of the plot is Kim Jong Il, the son of North Korea's leader, Kim Il Sung, the Sun said. A senior CIA officer said the plan is based on "North Korea's insane jealousy of the world focus on their arch rival and fear of economic destruction at the hands of the South Korean government," the Sun said.

Paul Bremer, the State Department official for counter-terrorism, told the newspaper more than 5,000 terrorists from the Japanese Red Army, Lebanon and others were trained in North Korea, where Sung is regarded as one of the most ruthless sponsors of international terrorism.

Japanese police arrested a convicted terrorist two weeks ago and linked the man's visits to North Korea to a planned series of "frightening incidents" scheduled to erupt in the next two months, the paper said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police kill 8

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23, (AP): Police shot dead eight young men armed with knives who were preparing to attack their headquarters early today, the national news agency reported.

Zulkifli Abdul Rahman, acting police commissioner of Sabah state, told Bernama the men were about to attack division police headquarters at Sandakan, 1,657 kilometres east of here.

Kidnapping trial

BEIJING, May 23, (AP): A local official appeared in handcuffs before a Beijing court on charges that he helped kidnap a woman toll booth attendant to force her to lower the fee for his minibus, an official report said today.

Zhou Zhiyuan, director of the transport bureau in Baoding, Hebei province, 150 kilometres south of Beijing, told reporters he did not think the case would turn out to be serious, the English-language China Daily said.

Kwangju clashes

SEOUL, May 23, (AP): Students hurling firebombs and rocks stormed three police stations today in the southern city of Kwangju, and thousands of protesters battled riot police firing tear gas.

Bands of students attacked and damaged the police stations in the provincial city 165 miles (265 kms) south of Seoul in the early morning hours, police said. Protesters smashed windows and doors in the stations before being driven off.

Soviet retreat

KABUL, May 23, (UPI): The last Soviet troops to retreat from Jalalabad said on their arrival in Kabul that the strategic eastern town on the main supply route from Pakistan was as peaceful as "a main street in Moscow."

The Soviet soldiers rode into the outskirts of the hilly Afghan capital Sunday, hot and tired after the 90-mile (145-km) journey aboard about 200 tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks dragging artillery.

Power shortages

KHARTOUM, May 23, (AP): Police used tear gas to disperse several demonstrations in Khartoum protesting a bread shortage and government-ordered power cuts, witnesses said today.

To deal with unrest elsewhere, the government today sent Cabinet Affairs Minister Salah Abdel-Salam Al-Khalifa to the northern city of Atbara, where similar demonstrations occurred last week and a five-day protest strike began on Sunday.

Guard kills 11

MANILA, May 23, (Reuters): President Corason Aquino's security guard joined Manila police in a house-to-house search today for a sergeant in the elite unit accused of killing 11 people, including three children, in a drunken shooting spree.

Marine sergeant Marciano Contao, who witnesses said was draped with ammunition belts and carrying an M-16 automatic rifle, disappeared after the Saturday night massacre.

MP shot dead

JOHANNESBURG, May 23, (AP): Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok expressed outrage today at the murder of a mixed-race member of parliament and said police would take all possible steps to find the killer. Vlok said police as yet have no idea why Peter Sam Jacobs, 42, was killed.

Reforms approved

MOSCOW, May 23, (Reuters): Kremlin ideology chief Yegor Ligachev announced today that the Communist Party's policy-making central committee had approved a blueprint for reform to be discussed at a key party conference next month.

Ligachev told a parliamentary commission that the "theses" contained important proposals for further economic reform, an extension of openness and the development of Soviet democracy.

Warships

PORT SAID, Egypt, May 23, (Reuters): A US destroyer and four frigates passed through the Suez Canal today, apparently en route to the Gulf region, a canal spokesman said.

The US has a force of about 30 warships in the Gulf area with the prime job of protecting American-flagged ships from attack and assisting neutral ships calling for help.

Officials kidnapped

DHAKA, May 23, (Reuters): Tribal guerrillas kidnapped four officials in southern Bangladesh last week, police said today.

The victims were seized at gunpoint from their homes in the Bandarban district of the heavily-forested Chittagong Hill Tracts by the outlawed Shanti Bahini.

Fascist leader dies at 92

ROME, May 23, (Reuters): Dino Grandi, last surviving leader of fascist Italy and the man who provoked the overthrow of dictator Benito Mussolini, has died aged 92, his family said.

Grandi, the third far-right Italian politician to die at the weekend, was a top leader during fascist rule between 1922 and 1943.

He died from heart disease on Saturday in the central city of Bologna. But his death was not announced until late on Sunday.

Grandi held many senior posts under Mussolini, including Foreign Minister and ambassador to Britain, but he was often an outspoken critic of the dictator.

On 25th July 1943, following the allied invasion of Sicily, Grandi, then Justice Minister, presented an order of the day to the fascist grand council calling for Mussolini to hand over most of his powers to King Victor Emmanuel.

Jayewardene challenges extremist leader to a duel

Six die in Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO, May 23, (AP): Six people, including a ruling United National Party provincial council candidate, were gunned down by alleged Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front, a police official said today.

The attack last night came just hours after President Junius Jayewardene accused front leader Rohana Wijeweera of killing innocent civilians and challenged him to mortal combat.

At least 20 gunmen using Chinese-made T-56 automatic rifles entered the home of provincial council candidate, Jayasekera, and opened fire at Galewela village south of Dambulla town, inspector Sumana Bandara said in a telephone interview.

The victims, including the candidate's police bodyguard, were at a meeting when the incident took place. The other unidentified victims were reportedly government supporters.

Dambulla town is 132 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

"I invite him (Wijeweera) to fight me," said Jayewardene, 82, speaking during a public meeting at Homagama town, 12 kilometres southeast of Colombo.

"Let him choose the weapons, a bomb, a knife, a sword or a gun, even a T-56. I don't know how to use it, but yet I will come. Let us fight face-to-face and see who will die and who will live," Jayewardene said.

Wijeweera, a medical school dropout from Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University, has been

in hiding ever since the front was outlawed in mid-1983 after the government claimed it was responsible for widespread ethnic rioting in which more than 400 Tamils were killed.

Earlier this month, the government lifted the proscription on the front after the National Security Minister, Lalith Athulthumudali, said he struck a peace agreement with the group.

But the agreement wound up a fake when Wijeweera denied he had signed any document and a young Colombo university student turned out to be a fraud after claiming to represent the front.

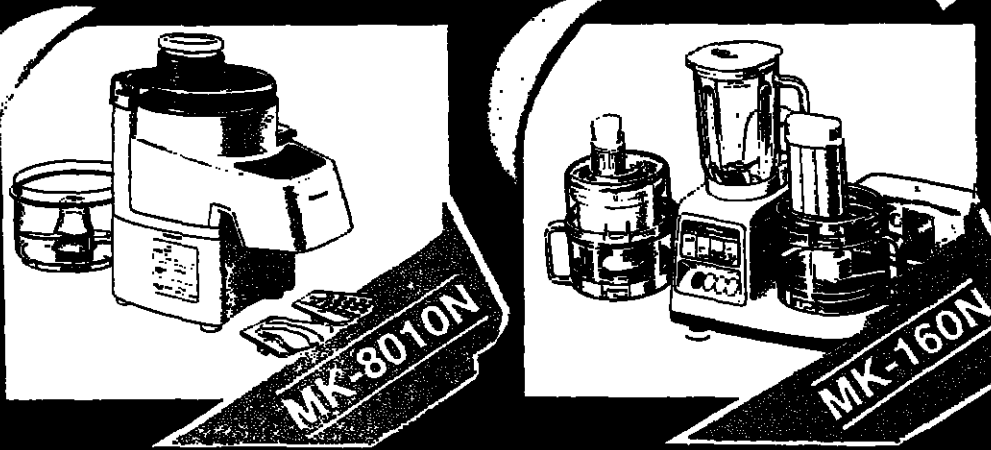
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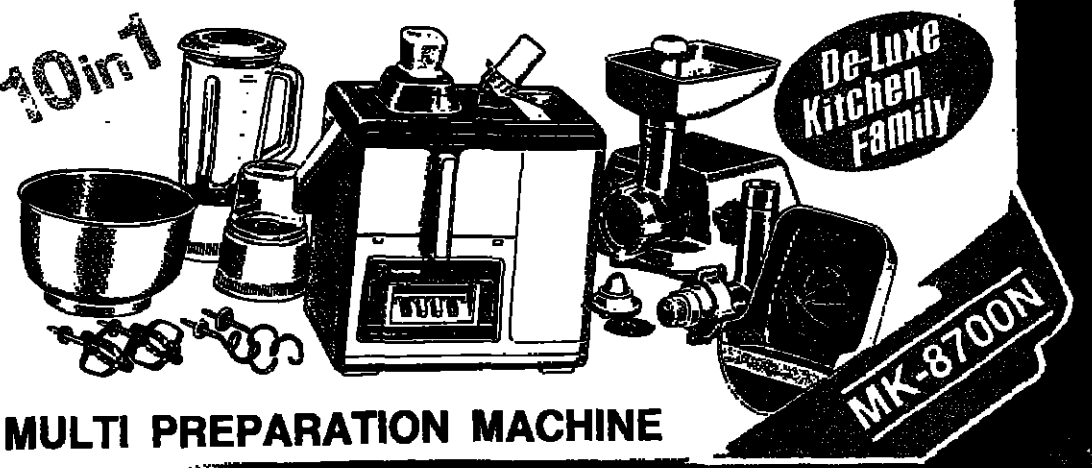
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Present driving schools' performance unsatisfactory

SAQER Al Jasser, director general of Kuwait Company for Learners Driving School, in an address to the weekly seminar of Kuwait Roads Safety Society said the idea of establishing a training school for drivers was not new, but had been suspended due to paucity of funds. However, the Kuwait Public Investment Authority had financed the project with an amount of KD5 million.

The head of the drivers testing division at Hawalli Traffic Department Major Hudaib Al Hamdan said current training schools for drivers in Kuwait were not performing their duties in a satisfactory manner. This, he

commented, was adversely reflected in the number of drivers failing to qualify at their driving tests.

Al Jasser commented that the board of directors of Kuwait Company for Learners Driving School was formed under the chairmanship of the director general of the traffic department Brigadier Fuad Mussaad Al Saleh and four members representing the traffic department and the private sectors.

The company to be situated near the general traffic department at Shuwaikh had decided to set-up training centres in each governorate on land measuring 25,000 square metres each. He

said, the plan was formulated in 1988 and expected to be implemented in 1989.

Mechanics

To qualify trainees in the mechanical and first aid aspects, he disclosed that a monthly training programme of two hours daily has been set-up for each trainee. Special days, he said, have been assigned for the training of ladies.

Under an agreement concluded between Kuwait and Jordan, some mechanics had been sent to Jordan for a 20-day training course and similar training courses are expected to follow he said.



The seminar in progress

New phone service

KUWAIT'S Minister of Communication Abdullah Al Sharhan in an interview with a local daily stated that a new director for the subscribers services department will soon be appointed. The new director would succeed Khaled Al Houti who has recently been appointed as Assistant Undersecretary for subscribers services affairs at the ministry.

He disclosed that the ministry would be experimenting with a new telephone service to be carried out at Al Salmiyah Exchange Centre. The experiment, envisaged to begin within a month, is aimed at

developing the telephone services of the area. The experiment, he said, would address the speeding-up of the telephone application procedures and to eliminate the red tape prevailing in some exchange centres. Some changes, in the ranks of general controllers at the country's seven telephone exchange centres are also under process he said.

Al Sharhan, added that to achieve its objectives, the ministry relied on the expertise of a working team to be headed by the marketing manager at the ministry Fadhil Abu Al Hasan.

403 teachers resign

THE Undersecretary of Kuwait's Education Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari, has said that a total of 403 teachers have resigned from the four education areas effective at the end of the current academic year.

He said that most of the resignations were due to personal reasons, adding that 30 teachers of retirement age, 60, had contracts renewed.

Al Khudari said there was no shortage of teachers as had been rumoured and explained the high number of failures on transition examinations this year to the fact that most of the students worked and were unable to devote sufficient time to their studies.

He said the ministry would give students failing the exam another opportunity to sit for the exams if they showed evidence of their intent to complete their education.

Food poisoning due to salmonella

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak, has said that the 245 cases of food poisoning reported in the Ardiya area recently were due to salmonella

contamination from restaurant workers in the area.

In a press conference, Abdul Razzak said that all victims had been treated and were in satisfactory condition.



The recent winner of the IML promotion campaign was Behbehani Shipping Company. The IML Marketing Manager Sunil Kapoor presents the winner with two airline tickets to Amsterdam.

Entry ban on trucks from next year

IBRAHIM Al Ghanim, the director general of the General Customs Department, has said an entry ban on incoming trucks to Kuwait would be enforced as of next year and that special facilities, such as rest stations, stores and accommodation facilities, would be set up at entry points.

He said the problem had received attention from HH the Amir and that every attempt was being made to control smuggling operations at land entries.

Al Ghanim said that members

of his department had found Israeli-made toy machine guns for sale on the local market and that investigations were underway to determine how these were allowed to enter the country.

He added that he would be leading a delegation to Damascus to attend a Bureau for Boycotting Israel meeting and that Gulf Cooperation Council customs officials would meet on May 29 to discuss issues related to customs.

Training course in English

ABDUL Karim Jaafar, the director of organisation and control at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, patronised an English language training course for employees of medical divisions.

The course, which is intended to acquaint employees with English medical and technical terms, was attended by 74 employees.

Probe into illegal food manufacturer

ACCORDING to a local newspaper, an investigation is currently underway into the operation of a food manufacturer which has been operating in Kuwait illegally for four years.

The company, which advertises on television, is being investigated for its illegal activity and an attempt is being made to determine how it has managed to escape detection.

Kuwaiti envoy in economic talks

ABU DHABI, May 23, (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to Abu Dhabi, Mohammed Saud Zabin Al Mai, conferred here today with UAE Economics and Trade Minister Seif Al Jarwan.

The ambassador said during the meeting he discussed with the minister ways to strengthen trade and economic cooperation between Kuwait and the UAE under the umbrella of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Health projects inspected

THE chairman of the Patients' Aid Fund, Dr Mohammed Al Jassem, has said that a delegation from Kuwait inspected various health projects supervised by the fund at Palestinian camps in Jordan during the last ten days of Ramadan.

Al Jassem said the delegation visited the charity clinic in Al Baq'a, which was built by the fund with a capacity to receive 3,000 patients per month.

He added that the delegation also checked on the needs of more than 1,000 families, widows and orphans to whom aid is provided by the fund.

Three calves were purchased by the delegation and butchered for 400 families at the Palestinian camp in Huttin.

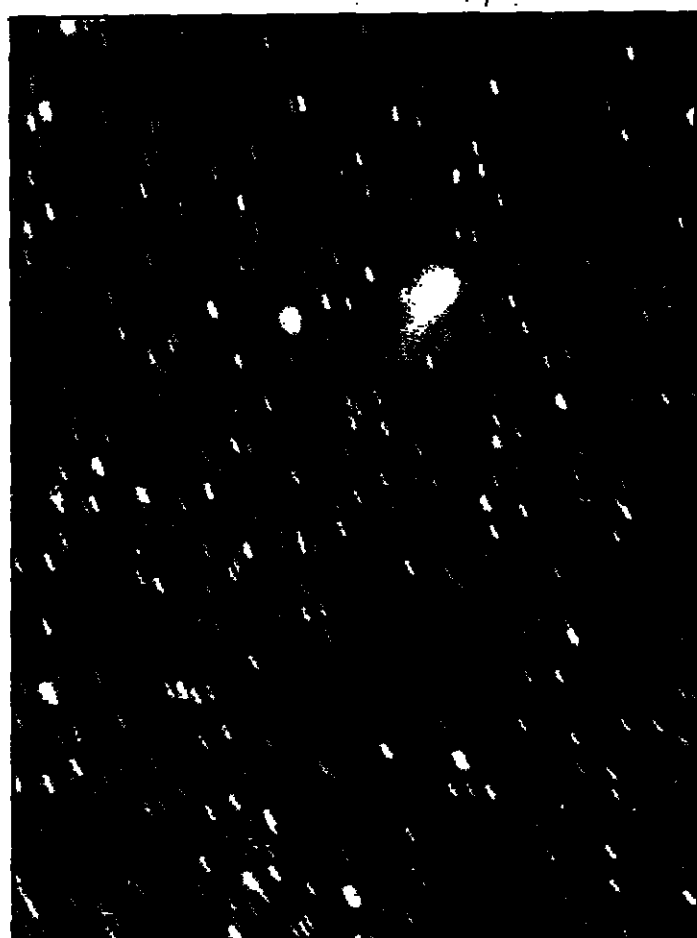
GCC ministerial council to meet June 4

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad, said yesterday that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministerial council will meet in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on June 4, one day earlier than its announced date.

In a press statement Sheikh Sabah said that the decision to advance the meeting was taken to give ample time between this meeting and the Arab summit on June 7 in Algiers.

Sheikh Sabah also received several ministers and high officials and exchanged views with them on various important matters.

New comet Liller



A DELEGATION of members from the Amateur Astronomy and Meteorology Association at Kuwait Science Club visited the Salmi area last week to view the new comet "Liller".

The delegation photographed the comet and the picture (above) from Al Oujayr Observatory shows the comet's tail which extends millions of kilometres.

The comet is estimated to be 180 million kilometres from earth at its nearest point.

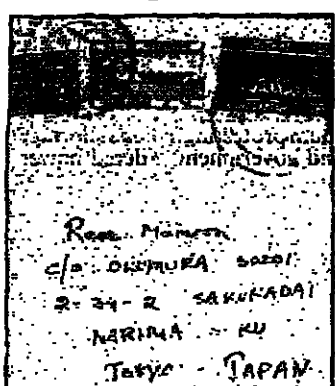
Awadi elected

DR Badriya Al Awadi of Kuwait has been elected by a United Nations' body to the list of Honour of 500 experts with the most valuable contributions to protection of the environment.

The UN Environment Protection Programme which picks up the list will sponsor a special event on June 3 to decorate the 500 specialists who merited the honour.

Al Awadi is providing legal advice to the Regional Organisation for Protection of Marine Environment (Ropme) which brings together the eight Arabian Gulf littoral states. She is also a very active member of the Kuwait Environment Protection Society.

Mystery mail delivery



A LETTER posted from Bangladesh to Tokyo has miraculously arrived in Kuwait. Addressed to Reaz Mamoon, Tokyo, Japan, it was delivered, duly stamped by both Bangladesh and Kuwait postal authorities, yesterday to the Arab Times office. Kuwait has not been mentioned anywhere, either on the front or the back of the envelope, which seems to contain an Eid card sent by Mamoon's family members. Above: the address on the letter.

Al Hamad to visit Japan

TOKYO, May 23, (Kuna): Amal Mejrin Al Hamad, foreign press controller at the Kuwait Ministry of Information, will visit major Japanese mass media organs starting tomorrow, it was learnt today.

Al Hamad, who arrived in Tokyo on a week-long visit as Japan Foundation, will leave tomorrow on Tuesday by Japanese Airlines for Japan, mainly from Western nations and occasionally from some Middle East countries with which Japan has diplomatic relations.

arm of the Japanese Foreign Ministry, which invites scholars and influential officials who are friendly to Japan, mainly from Western nations and occasionally from some Middle East countries with which Japan has diplomatic relations.

Japan Foundation is a cultural

Extortion case

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has referred the case against two employees of the Kuwait Football Union to a special committee at the Ministry of Justice.

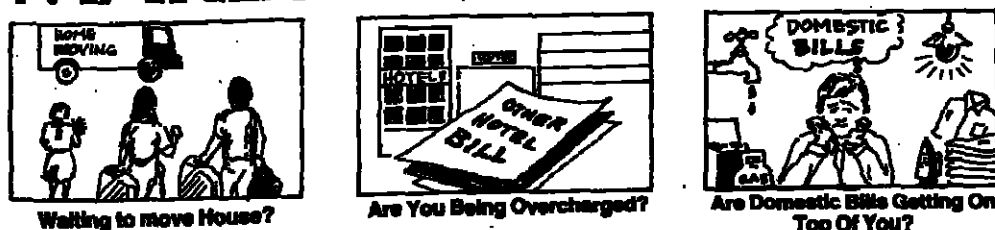
The two defendants, who pleaded not guilty to charges of extortion and forgery, were brought before the court by the general prosecution.

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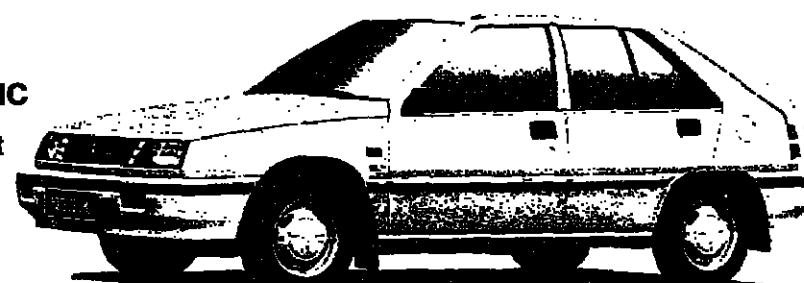
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Saudi Arabia and Egypt form central axis in Arab arena

CAIRO, May 23, (Kuna): Egyptian Prime Minister Dr Atef Sidqi has said Saudi Arabia and Egypt form the central axis in Arab, Middle East and Islamic arenas and their relations are historic and based strongly on common interests.

He made these remarks after a meeting with the visiting Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz in Cairo last night.

Dr Sidqi said relations between the kingdom and Egypt had not been cut earlier, adding that resumption of diplomatic ties has expressed deep-rooted and continuing bilateral links in various fields at a time when events of the Gulf war are facing the Arab and Middle East regions as well as various Iranian aggressive acts which call for more coordination between them as it is a question of survival.

He added his talks with Prince Nayef covered bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields, particularly in the field of security.

Dr Sidqi said cooperation in the economic field had been

increasing continuously, adding that we will see more joint ventures in the near future.

For his part, Prince Nayef said he had conveyed to Dr Sidqi greetings of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, the deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Identical

He described relations between Saudi Arabia and Egypt as strong, covering all sectors and serving the interests of the two peoples and the Arab nation in general.

Prince Nayef said his talks with Dr Sidqi showed identical stances on various subjects that came up for discussion.

Meanwhile, Prince Nayef visited Qadiriyya complex for advanced studies.

On arrival at the venue, he was greeted by its chairman Major-General Hussein Abdullah and board members.

During the visit, Prince Nayef was briefed on the complex activities and witnessed a documentary film on its indus-

trial products.

On the other hand, the Egyptian mass media has highlighted the importance of Prince Nayef's visit to Egypt and his statement.

Games hall

Later, Prince Nayef and Egyptian Interior Minister Major-General Zeki Badr laid down the foundation stone of an indoor international games hall at the headquarters of the sports police federation in Cairo, named after Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz.

Speaking on the occasion, Major-General Abdulhameed Al Wakil, the deputy interior minister and director of the public department of the sports police federation said naming the hall after the Saudi monarch came as a result of the Egyptian youth's appreciation for King Fahd's role in supporting the Arab youth and strong Saudi-Egyptian relations.

For his part, Major-General Zeki Badr said the naming reflected greetings to King Fahd and appreciation for the Saudi leadership and people.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, with Jordanian Higher Education Minister, Dr Naser El Dine Al Assad.

Call for Arabisation of nursing staff

SOME patients at different hospitals called for Arabisation of nursing staff. However, a cross-section of other patients, believed it was immaterial whether a nurse was a native Arab speaker or not.

Eid Al Rashidi, a patient at Al Razi hospital suffering from back pains, said nurses took their duties seriously and did not discriminate between Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis. He added that he was well treated with nurses giving him proper medication at the appointed times. Al Rashidi commented that Arab nurses were much better than non-Arab nurses, as they gave patients better treatment and provided them with more mental rest.

Mulla Shbib, a patient at the same hospital said that Arab nurses make patients "feel at home." He felt that foreign nurses were hard to communicate with.

Impact

Khawla Al Sarhan, another patient, said there were delays on service calls. However, medication usually came on time. She was for the Arabisation of the nursing staff.

Ghaziya Kathem suggested that officials increase the number of maids and assistants as elderly patients require maids' assistance more often. She said, foreign nurses impart better treatment to patients.

Hassan Afifa, one of the patients at Ibn Sina hospital said, "there are no differences between Arab and non-Arab nurses, they both treat patients well." She

added that nurses should realise that in their jobs, care of patients is of paramount importance.

From the nurses' view-point, Fatma Seif, a head nurse at Al Razi hospital said that a relation between a nurse and a patient depends on the mental rapport. She said some patients, particularly youths, refused to be treated by female nurses. She felt there was no difference between Arab and non-Arab nurses—in each case, she said, conscience dictated their performances. Further, she said, "nurses are human too, and their mental status would reflect on their jobs."

Muna Abbas, head nurse at Ibn Sina hospital said that patients bringing children along with them during treatment caused confusion.

Discrimination

Amina Boshiri, head nurse at Al Sadri hospital said that foreign and Arab nurses are equally good and what patients really care about is good service. She pointed out that nurses deal with diversified nationalities and of primary importance was the way patients felt towards their nurses and vice versa. She added, however, that the number of Kuwaiti nurses at hospitals is really quite limited.

In conclusion, nurses were unanimous in their feelings that their duties required high standards of human values and there was no basis for any discrimination amongst patients.

PLO praises Kuwait's support

THE PLO yesterday praised the Kuwaiti government for its role as a leading supporter of the Palestinian revolution at all levels.

A Palestinian official said here that Kuwait's offer to hold a rally here marking the 40th day of the death of Abu Jihad is greatly appreciated by the Palestinian people and the Palestine Liberation Organisation leadership in particular.

He added, however, the Tunisian government led by President Zein Al-Abidine Ben Ali has insisted on holding the event on the land where Abu Jihad was assassinated. The ceremony will be held in the Tunisian capital on June 3, the source added, noting that another will be held in Kuwait on June 1.

Live scorpion taken from man's ear

RIYADH, May 23, (Reuters): Saudi doctors have removed a scorpion from the ear of a man who complained of earache, the Saudi Gazette said today.

It said the five-cm (two-inch) scorpion spent 10 hours in Saleh Awwadh Al Makhlafi's ear without harming him but stung him when it was removed at a local hospital.

The newspaper quoted a doctor as saying the creature probably crawled into Makhlafi's ear while he slept. There was no mention of his condition following the operation.

Kuwaiti passports to be changed

ACCORDING to a Kuwaiti daily the Interior Ministry will be changing Kuwaiti passports to designs which meet international specifications. The purpose of the change is to make forgeries more difficult.

Equipment has been ordered for printing the passports, which will use a laser process for engraving the holder's photograph. Kuwaitis will be trained to use the equipment, which is expected to arrive in July.

Citizens will be notified as to when they will be able to change their passports at the governorate of their residence. Present passports will be cancelled as new ones are issued.

Legal protocol

CAIRO, May 23, (Kuna): Kuwait's Justice Minister, Dhari Abdulla Al Othman, and his Egyptian counterpart, Farouq Sief Al Naser, met here today to finalise an accord to streamline cooperation between the two countries in legal and judicial matters.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency which reported the meeting, said the two ministers also agreed on a protocol to exchange expertise in training lawmen.

Kuwaiti lawmen could immediately join the Cairo centre for law studies even before the formal signing of any accord, the Kuwaiti minister was told by his host, according to the agency.

Al Othman, who arrived here on Sunday for a five-day visit, later inspected several Cairo courts and was accompanied by the Egyptian minister.

Algerian envoy arrives in UAE

ABU DHABI, May 23, (Kuna): Algerian State Minister for Presidential Affairs Mohammed Ahmad Abdel Ghani today arrived here following a two day visit to Qatar.

The Algerian official is carrying a message to United Arab Emirates' President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan from his Algerian counterpart Chadli Ben Jedid, which includes an invitation to Sheikh Zayed to attend the emergency Arab summit

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir met yesterday the Deputy Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber, after his return to the country.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah yesterday received a message from his Jordanian counterpart Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

The message was delivered by the Jordanian Higher Education Minister Dr Naser El Dine Al Assad during his meeting with Sheikh Saad.

The meeting was attended by Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri and Jordanian ambassador to Kuwait.

The visiting Jordanian minister later conferred with director general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr Abdel Rahman Al Mhailan.

Al Nouri and other education officials attended the meeting. The officials reviewed the system applied by the authority in teaching, admissions and registrations.

Crown Prince cable

HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a cable to Jordan's King Hussein. It was disclosed yesterday. The office of Sheikh Saad said the cable was a congratulatory message on the occasion of Jordan's National Day.

Sheikh Saad also sent a similar cable to Jordan's Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifae.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Assad urged to play the mediator role

A KUWAITI daily yesterday named Syrian President Hafez Assad as the man qualified to stop the "death machine" and persuade Iran that it is not in its interest to continue its nearly eight-year-old war with Iraq.

"Even if we differ with President Assad on his stance toward the Iraq-Iran war, even so we know more about that, we are quite confident that this man senses the danger of the circumstance and the greatness of the conspiracy," said Daily Al Rai Al Aam in a front-page editorial.

The paper called on Damascus to assume its leading role in order to end division among the ranks of Arab countries and help confront the challenges starting the Arab nation in the eyes.

It urged President Assad to play the role of the mediator to end the bloodshed in the Arabian Gulf, steered by "evil powers" which aim at "keeping Cairo isolated, Baghdad busy and Damascus deep into the Lebanese grief, not to mention other national anxieties."

GULF PRESS

Summit to be utilised for Mideast peace

A UNITED Arab Emirates English language daily urged the Soviet Union to "utilise" its forthcoming summit with the US to bring about a just peace in the Middle East.

The Dubai-based Khaleej Times was commenting in an editorial on the recent visit of Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid to Moscow.

The paper said the visit, the first by a high ranking Egyptian official in over 10 years "could turn out to be significant for not only bilateral Cairo-Moscow ties but the Middle East as a whole."

"Abdel Meguid's visit has come just before the Moscow summit which the Arabs—hope will consider the Middle East question on a priority basis," the Khaleej Times said.

It noted the Soviet Union "has always supported the Arab point of view with regard to both recognition of the PLO and the convening of an international peace conference."

But the paper pointed to what it called "signs of Moscow trying to perform too fine a balancing act" on the Middle East issue.

The paper referred to recent Kremlin statements and Soviet flexibility on Jewish emigration to Israel saying "it is understandable that Mr Gorbachev should not wish to endanger his entente with the Americans."

"But the US is equally anxious for Soviet cooperation in many matters and the Arabs expect Gorbachev to use whatever bargaining power he has to their advantage."

It urged the Soviet leader to dispell the impression that he is prepared to compromise "on some of the principles which the Soviet Union has always championed in the Middle East."

The Khaleej Times hoped the Egyptian Foreign Minister had emphasised to Soviet leaders "the need to utilise the forthcoming (superpowers) summit for the establishment of a just peace in the Middle East."

Pessimism over summit

Another UAE newspaper expressed pessimism over the outcome of the forthcoming US-Soviet summit in achieving peace in the Middle East in the light of what it called America's "disregard of Arab rights."

Al Wahda newspaper published from Abu Dhabi called on the Arabs not to wait for the results of the Moscow summit between US President Reagan and the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and to "form a unanimous Arab stand towards peace settlements."

The paper urged the Arabs not to await the results of the Summit which would be "ruled by the greed of world powers."

Referring to the peace initiative of US Secretary of State, George Shultz, the paper called on the Arabs to "reject it and demand the Soviet Union to determine the fate of the international peace conference in the Middle East."

"Arabs have legal rights and must be on an essential party in accepting or rejecting any settlement and must not obey what the US requires or what the Soviet leadership prefers," the paper concluded.

KAC team to take part in AACU session

A KUWAIT Airways delegation yesterday was due to leave for Damascus to take part in deliberations of the 21st session of Arab Air Carriers Union (AACU), due to begin there today.

Board chairman and managing director of Kuwait Airways Ahmed Al Meshari, who leads the KAC's delegation to the meetings, told Kuna that the agenda of the conference includes a number of issues dealing with cooperation between Arab air-carriers.

He said the conferees will examine a strategy for Arab com-

mercial carriers and proposals regarding the enhancement of cooperation between their companies.

The two-day conference will examine progress towards the establishment of an Arab company for financing chartering and purchasing aircrafts, he said, noting that the setting up of such joint firm will assist Arab air-carriers companies to modernise their fleets and unify their systems.

Senior staff from various KAC departments will accompany Meshari.



● The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen (right) being welcomed by the West German Ambassador to Kuwait Bernd Wulffen at a reception held at the ambassador's residence yesterday to mark West Germany's Constitution Day.

Egypt has military experts in five Gulf states

EGYPT'S Defence Minister, Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala, says his country has military experts in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Iraq, according to a Kuwaiti daily.

The newspaper quoted him as saying that Egypt, the Arab world's most powerful country, sought to help Arab states in the Gulf, threatened by the 7 1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war, "by shoring up their defence capabilities" rather than sending troops.

"It is neither in the interest of

Egypt nor the Arab brothers to send Egyptian troops to the Gulf," he said.

Abu Ghazala was quoted as saying that it was more important for Egypt to play an effective role in ending the Gulf war "even if this necessitates that Egypt establish contacts with Iran."

Speculation has been rife that Egypt would send troops to the Gulf states if they were further threatened by Iran.

Speculation mounted after most Arab countries restored diplomatic relations with Egypt late last year, ending a rupture caused by Cairo's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Despite that rupture, Egypt had been selling arms and ammunition to Iraq during the Gulf war.

Oman, which lies at the southern end of the Gulf and overlooks the strategic Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Gulf, never broke relations with Cairo.

Despite the rift, Egypt maintained trade and cultural links with other Gulf states, including Kuwait, the UAE and Qatar.

Military cooperation has apparently improved since diplomatic ties were revived following the decision by an Arab summit in Jordan in November to allow Arab states to restore relations with Cairo if they chose.

Lawyers committee to review complaints

THE board chairman of the Kuwait Lawyers Society, Mishari Al Osaimi, has said that the Lawyers Disciplinary Committee would review complaints involving lawyers and their clients. He added that professional misconduct might be possible in cases of new lawyers.

Al Osaimi stressed the importance of training courses organised by the Society of Lawyers, adding that the society would prepare a report recommending action to be taken against unlicensed non-Kuwaiti lawyers. Lengthy court procedures are due to the number of cases being examined, compared to the number of legal authorities handling these cases, Al Osaimi said.

4 years jail for kidnapping

KUWAIT'S Court of Appeals sentenced Salman S. to four years of imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation for kidnapping.

The defendant was charged with kidnapping a woman, identified as K. G., and forcing her to go to Shiraz, Iran, without her parents' knowledge.

The man kept the woman, who is under 21 years of age, for one week at his home in Shiraz before her family was able to locate her and have her brought back to Kuwait.

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Kuwait scenes by Yugoslav artist

A diplomat's seal of affection

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Towers, that indelible symbol of modern Kuwait, seen from behind the Dasman Palace as Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic saw them, provide an odd background to the palace complex. They appear as some surrealistic structure overhanging a cosy cluster of sand coloured buildings that mismatch the towers both in the architectural style and period.

But that is what Kuwait is for Prodanovic the artist — a mélange of old and new, traditional and modern, local and foreign. Twenty-five of his paintings went on show on Sunday at the Boushahri Gallery.

The exhibition is a result of months of work, at intervals, snatched from his busy schedule dictated by his job as counsellor at the Yugoslav Embassy in Kuwait.

The towers which figure on four of his oils have more of a functional than aesthetic role to play. They help provide a contrast between the new and old Kuwait that he sought to portray. This impression is accentuated by a relative simplicity of line and colour when depicting the towers and warm and detail when portraying the old buildings in their vicinity.

Prodanovic was obviously not anxious to make the towers particularly appealing. His affinity for traditional elements in Kuwait's landscape is palpable and natural.

It also brought out the best in him as an artist as could be seen from works depicting the Doha shipyard, old dhows, old mosques and Behebania, an old area in Kuwait still retain-

ing the features its builders meant it to have. If his works juxtaposing the traditional and modern provoke questions, the paintings portraying the traditional aspects of life in Kuwait are a definite statement. The old shipwright, crouching in a green sarong and chipping wood next to a dhow he is building is a man at peace with himself. The painting suggests silence, resignation, a sense of timelessness.

Similarly a painting of an old mosque with an adjacent grocery shop but no grocer brings to mind the noontime heat and a feeling of indolence that comes with it. An abandoned dhow uncomfortably lopsided in shallow waters makes a viewer want to reach out and put it straight.

Some of the paintings give an impression that Prodanovic exercised restraint, was over-cautious, attempting to rein in emotions at the root of the inner drive that made him paint in the first place. This could be because at times he was forced to paint from memory and photographs, something which he resents. He is a landscape painter who needs to work in open air but that is not always possible in Kuwait.

Nevertheless the paintings strike a responsive cord with a viewer. This is important for Prodanovic who believes that painting is a way of communication between the artist and art lovers.

The exhibition, which runs until June 9, has a special significance for him. It is perhaps his farewell gift to Kuwait. His term of duty ends in August. But more than that it is an effort which has sealed his affection for the country in which he spent four memorable years.



Jovica Prodanovic: farewell gift to Kuwait



Kuwait Towers: surrealistic structure

The best of British

WITH a fanfare of brass from a band of Beefeaters sitting under the span of a model of London's famous Tower Bridge, the British Ambassador, Peter Hinchcliffe, cut the ribbon to open the Best of British Fair at the Holiday Inn on Sunday night. After the opening, the Beefeaters gave way to the Caledonians' pipes and drums and the skirling sounds of 'Scotland the Brave' filled the lobby. Then it was the turn of the Scottish country dancers who performed several reels to loud applause.

The British Festival at the Holiday Inn is an annual event that draws many British companies to display their wares. The British Airways stand was the biggest where the sales staff gave out brochures and information about destinations all over the world. Sales Manager Ralph Collins urged people to book early since flights are likely to be full this summer.

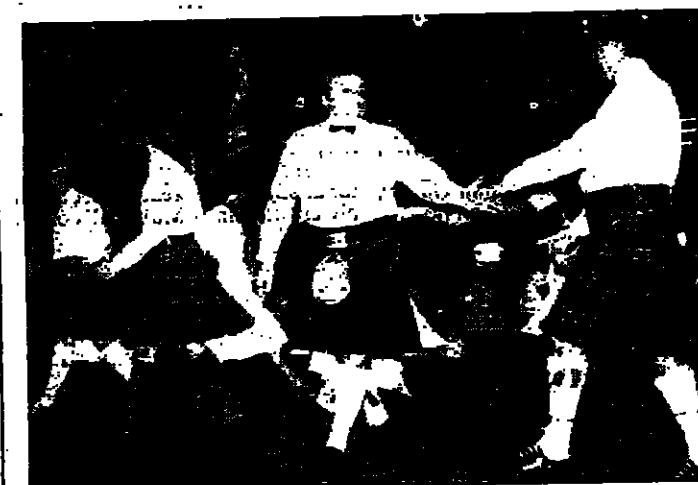


British Ambassador Peter Hinchcliffe cuts the ribbon as Holiday Inn General Manager Jean Abou Nohra and Mrs Hinchcliffe (centre) look on.

ding and cream teas with fresh scones, clotted cream and jam.

The nightclub is putting on a special 'Best of British' show all week that includes a jazz band and two popular local singers, Rosie Taylor and Dermott O'Connell. If you fancy going, it's probably best to book soon since the show is already proving to be very popular.

There are two major competitions as well, to add to the fun. Everyone who goes to the nightclub show will get a free entry ticket for which the prize is a free return ticket to London on British Airways and a free week in the Holiday Inn at Swiss Cottage. For those who attend the festival in the lobby there will be a raffle every night for special souvenir footballs, each one signed by every member of the Chelsea Football Club. Then at the end of the week, these raffle tickets will go into a special draw for another British Airways ticket to London and a free week in the Holiday Inn at Marble Arch.



Scottish dancers entertaining spectators at the opening of the British Fair.

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Bulgarians celebrate Day of Letters

THE Bulgarians in Kuwait celebrate the "Day of Letters and Culture" today. About 100 students, who studied in Bulgarian universities, will attend a reception tomorrow, to be hosted by the Bulgarian Ambassador, Angel N. Mantchev to mark the occasion.

The day is celebrated every May 24, by Bulgarians who maintain a centuries-old tradition to honour two men — Cyril and Methodius, who invented the Slavonic alphabet, paving the way for education, literature and culture in that country.

The Bulgarian embassy in Kuwait will be closed today to celebrate the cultural festival.

MAP volunteers to visit Kuwait

TWO volunteers of Medical Aid for Palestinians, Susan Wighton and Dr Sweet Chai Ang, will arrive in Kuwait on May 28 to take part in a charity show for Palestinian children.

MAP is a British charity established after the massacres at Sabra and Shatila under a deed of trust "for the relief of poverty and sickness... advancement of education amongst refugees and other displaced persons."

The charity show is on June 2 at the Regency Palace Hotel. Susan Wighton, a health worker and active member of

MAP, is best known for her efforts to publicise the plight of the Palestinians living in refugee camps in Beirut.

Sweet Chai Ang, an experienced orthopaedic surgeon, concentrates her efforts in negotiating with various Lebanese and Palestinian factions on medical work so that other MAP volunteers can work in camps.

The MAP members are expected to meet high ranking officials in Kuwait. Proceeds from the charity show will be donated to MAP.

● All entries for the What's On column must be handed over personally to Events Section, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

Saaz aur Awaz

The Saaz aur Awaz group presents their second concert on June 16 at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaitees, Shahnawaz Karim, Sabina, Badar Siddiqui, Doreen D'Souza, Kusum Sagar, Riyasat Ali and Divya are among the performers. The music will be by the Anwar Hussein orchestra.

Dutch reception

The Netherlands ambassador and Mrs J.F.R.M. Veling invite all Dutch nationals in Kuwait to a reception on the occasion of the Queen's birthday at the residence on Tuesday, May 24, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm.

Jumble sale

St. Paul's jumble sale will be held in the Anglo-American School Hall, Ahmadi, from 2.30 pm on Friday, May 27. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, electrical and household items will be offered at bargain prices. All are welcome.

Flassik cooking class

The monthly Flassik cooking class will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Wednesday, May 25, 4 pm. For details call Rory — 2530000 F/B Office.

Kuwait Players

The Players Social Get-together, on June 1, Wednesday. Newcomers welcome. Tel: (pm) 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

Yugoslavian Festival

Dusica Obradovic, a well-known Yugoslavian singer and the Vucica Mitrovic folklore group will perform at the Kuwait Hilton Grand Ballroom on May 28, 29 and 30 at 8 pm. Tickets for the show are available in the hotel lobby.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

The Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine and a selection of meats and seafood. Charcoal grilled specialties also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

There will be an end of season work party at the Fintas Park Ground on Thursday, May 26, at 4 pm. All members are urged to attend.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.25 World News via Satellite
- 3.25 Tao Tao: cartoon serial
- 4.25 Beet Al Tayi: Arabic serial, starring Hussein Abu Sarah, Lina Al Tall, Rabeeh Shihab
- 5.30 Al Manahat: educational programme for children
- 6.00 In Public Service: You and Your Health
- 7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizon, hosted by Abdul Rasool Saliman
- 7.35 The Animal World
- 8.15 Souk Al Ghaz: daily serial, featuring Mohammad Saeed, Shirin, Zuhair Numan
- 8.30 Hadith Al Usbooh: weekly religious talk
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Hada Al Rajul (That is the Man): daily serial, starring: Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zaki
- 10.50 Studio Angham: Music Studio
- 12.35 News Summary/World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 6.30 Punkey Brewster: Punkey is disappointed



Margaret Collin stars in Leg Work.

ted that she has no mother to help her with her homework.

7.00 The Natural World: "The Volcano Watchers". A scientific study on how volcanoes erupt.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Leg Work: "Peaches". A young girl is in trouble and the private eye tries to help her.

9.30 Gimme a Break: "Below Sea Level". Nell Carter returns as Nell Harper in this comedy series. In tonight's episode she visits Samantha and

Joy in New York.

10.00 Twilight Zone: "The Once and Future". A journalist follows in the footsteps of a former colleague and faces strange events.

10.30 Feature Film: "White Man's Legend". A fishing trip turns into a life and death drama.

12.30 News Summary

12.40 Magazine D'Actualite Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newswel
- 30 The Jesuits (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
- 45 This Particular Place (ex 3rd Journey Round My People)
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 News about UK
- 30 Sports International

- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 Rhythms of the Sun (ex 31st A Schubert Anthology)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Turning Over New Leaves
- 15 The World Today
- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Counterpoint
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 This Particular Place (ex 3rd A Journey Round My People)
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Tech Talk
- 30 The Jesuits (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Weber (ex 3rd and 10th The Seven Ages of Man)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
- 30 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Beheten Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

PRAYERS

- Fajr 3.19 am
- Zuhr 11.45
- Asr 3.20 pm
- Maghreb 6.39
- Isha 8.08

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Dubai Pharmacy
Mobi. Ali Rida Bldg., Souk Wafar, Algiers St.
Al Bakhsamy Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hadiha Pharmacy
Othman Complex, Ibn Khaludon St.

Salimiya and Rumaithiya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Abdul Karim Maz al Bldg., Amman St.

Fahad, J and Ahmadi
Al Badiya Pharmacy
Commercial Centre, Dabous St., Fheel
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Al Andalus
Kill Zone
Starring: Vincent Mathews, Ted Briars

Al Salimiya
The Running Man
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger

Al Hamra
Country
Starring: Jessica Lange, Sam Sheperd

Drive-In
Al Mazaika (Arabic)
Starring: Sayyed Ziyen, Saeed Saleh, Sabirin
(Two Shows: 7 pm and 9.30 pm)

Fahad Open-air
Daulat (Bengali)

Al Firdous
Falak (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Raakhee

Al Fahadhel
Straight Time

Al Jahra
Qurbani (Bengali)

Granada
Malayalam Film
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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushahri Gallery

Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St, Salimiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm.

THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society

The society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 2, 3, 9 and 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

Kuwait Singers

"Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on May 31 and June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384873; 5740627 (answering service).

Sounds Great

A pop-rock musical, will be presented at Salimiya Cinema on June 10, 5-8 pm. The show will feature Juke Box band with June Stevenson and Top Ranks with Adolf. Farewell appearance of Paul Fraser. Introducing Walid Al Nimer who will dance to Michael Jackson's top hit "Bad." Produced and directed by Ken Winston. Tickets — KD 5. For reservations ring 5740256/7; 5756888 ext. 263; 5758870.

KLT

KLT, Ahmadi, will present Brigadoon, a musical, on June 1, 7.30 pm, gala night. Further performances are at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8, and 9 and at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3. Tickets KD3. Children — KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

I Got Rhythm

A musical show featuring Reem Yousef Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Glenis Muckle and Kerry Langley. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For reservations call 5718143; 5387755; 2627003; 5330934

SOCIAL

German-Speaking Cultural Association

"The Women in World History," an evening of humour, will be presented at 8 pm on May 29, Sunday, at Kuwait Hilton Hotel, Terrace Room. Tickets — KD1.500 are available from the German embassy and the German School and Library. For reservations phone 3983779.

Kuwait Welsh Society

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29, 7.30 pm, at Messilah Beach Hotel.

Kuwait Caledonians

"Celidh" will be held on May 26, Thursday, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. Entertainer from Scotland will be Bill Barclay. For reservations phone 5610673 or 5335082.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ONE doesn't recognise in one's life the really important moments — until it's too late — Agatha Christie, English writer (1891-1975).

France tiptoes in New Caledonia

By Vanora Bennett

PARIS. (Reuters): France's new Socialist government has begun a softly-softly approach to ending discontent in New Caledonia by sending a trouble-shooting mission to its Pacific territory.

The mission arrived on Friday and will spend several weeks on the archipelago where unrest between bitterly-opposed racial groups exploded last month just before French presidential elections.

Violence in New Caledonia has killed 26 people in the past month, including 19 shot dead when French troops stormed a remote area where gendarmes were being held hostage.

Appointing the six-man mission to "re-establish dialogue" between pro-French white settlers and Melanesian separatists (Kanak) was one of Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard's first moves after taking office last week.

Hostile

It marks an abrupt change in approach from the confrontational attitude of the former rightist government, which backed settlers' demands to stay French by increasing French military and police presence on the archipelago.

The Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front (FLNKS), which heads separatist activity, said it was not hostile to the mission but had expected more from the new government.

"The mission will have time to see how the different sides actually behave," an FLNKS official said. "But that is not what we asked for. We asked for a government envoy."

Rocard has set up an inquiry into military and police action ordered by the previous government during the recent violence.

He has also flown Kanaks charged with violent crimes for trial in France to remove them from the overheated atmosphere (20,000 km) from Paris.

Re-elected President Francois Mitterrand has in the past said he favours bringing more independence to the territory.

Tension

But for the moment, caution is the watchword in government circles. New Overseas Territories Minister Olivier Stirn refused to outline his plans until the mission's work is done.

"Let them start work, and don't ask me what we will decide until they have got going," he said in a radio interview.

Tension has eased since Mitterrand returned to power after

May 8, backed by a leftist government after two years of rule by the right.

Before the election, New Caledonia was run by hardline rightwing Overseas Territories Minister Bernard Pons. He said repeatedly he would stick by a 1987 independence referendum, which gave a strong stay-French result.

Kanak separatists boycotted the referendum and the presidential election, saying rule by France favoured the settlers.

Kanaks make up 43 per cent of the 135,000 population. Separatist dissatisfaction with the right-wing stance boiled over on April 22, two days before the election began.

Four paramilitary gendarmes were killed when separatists wielding machetes stormed the barracks at Fayaoué on the island of Ouvéa.

The separatists fled, taking 23 gendarmes hostage, and hid out in a cave on the island of Ouvéa till May 5, when police stormed their stronghold on the island and freed the prisoners. Nineteen Kanaks died in the raid.

The Socialist government said this week it was setting up a separate inquiry to look into Kanak claims that French soldiers killed several kidnappers after they had surrendered.

Sue

Pons, who ordered the attack, said on Friday he would sue Paris Match magazine for publishing allegations that he had considered firing a laser-guided napalm bomb at the cave to clear thick surrounding vegetation.

The magazine said Army officers had persuaded Pons against carrying out an all-out attack on the cave, using helicopters equipped with machine guns.

Pons said Paris Match's allegations dishonoured both him and the Army.

One member of the mission, Protestant churchman Jacques Stewart, said the problem stemmed from a misunderstanding.

Settlers have said they are afraid they will have to leave their homes if the territory becomes independent and falls into Kanak hands. But Stewart said independence did not mean the same thing to the settlers and the Kanaks.

"Kanak who seek independence mean they want a say in deciding their own fate," he told French radio.

"We will be able to consider a new status for New Caledonia heading towards a form of independence but which would not mean that anyone was forced to leave," he added.

Women and children assist in uprising

By G.G. Labelle

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip. (AP): Niveen Dahman, age 14, keeps house for her family now that her mother is in jail. She cooks, cleans and, when clashes with Israeli soldiers erupt, runs to the streets to help youngsters choking on tear gas.

"I am doing the same as my mother. It's my duty," said Niveen, sitting in her family's cement block house in Shati refugee camp.

In the next room was a box full of scampers chickens that the family is raising to eat as the Arab uprising persists, bringing with it worsening economic conditions.

A new role for youngsters and women, both held under strict rule in traditional Muslim society, is only one of the changes spawned by the "intifadah," a rebellion against Israel's 21-year occupation of the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Help

Palestinians say the 5-month-old uprising has given them pride and destroyed the feeling that nothing can be done to end Israeli rule. Some believe young organizers scattered in camps and villages will emerge as permanent, more radical leaders.

"Now we are the leaders," said 19-year-old Rafat, sitting on the floor of another cement block house down the street from Niveen Dahman's home.

"Youth are leading, burning tires, stoning soldiers," said Rafat, who would not give his last name. "Women try to help the boys who are arrested or try

to stop arrests. They go to the kids when soldiers throw tear gas."

As he spoke, his elders sat in the background. Youths were organizing. Rafat said. Youths arranged visits to the wounded in hospitals and families of "martyrs," those killed in the uprising. Young people were forming "popular committees."

According to UN figures through April, a quarter of the 4,344 Palestinians in Gaza injured in the revolt are under 16 years old.

Few figures are available on women's arrests or injuries. But Israeli authorities complain their soldiers, hard-pressed already to put down civilian rioters, are increasingly facing women and children.

Messengers

Niveen Dahman's mother, Widad, was arrested early this month as an "inciter" along with two other women in Shati camp. They were the first women to be jailed in the Gaza Strip under administrative detention laws, where no trials or specific charges are required.

Each was given six months in prison, and Palestinian activist Mary Khas says the move showed Israel has recognized the new power of women in the uprising. Women, allowed out during curfew, became messengers and lookouts, she said.

"Women found their authority and strength and started organising," said Ms Khas, who runs a kindergarten programme throughout the Gaza Strip.

As for Palestinian youth, Ms Khas said, "they did what youngsters do — try to change things."

By Tony Barber

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): Despite the improved climate of superpower relations, both the United States and the Soviet Union seem to accept that this month's Moscow summit will not lead to substantial breakthroughs.

Policy-makers also seem concerned that US-Soviet ties may enter an unpredictable era after the summit as Americans elect a new president in November and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's domestic reforms move into a critical stage.

Delicate

The limits on rapid progress in relations are reflected in the acknowledgement on both sides that, contrary to earlier hopes, the May 29-June 2 summit will not produce an accord to halve their arsenals of intercontinental nuclear weapons.

Perhaps more significantly, a dispute over a treaty to ban medium-range missiles — signed and thought to have been wrapped up at last December's Washington summit — pointed

up the tensions still underlying US-Soviet relations.

This dispute, over procedures for verifying the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) pact, now seems cleared up, and US officials hope the Senate will ratify it in time for the Moscow meeting.

But it is a measure of how delicate US-Soviet relations are that the success of this summit may be judged by whether the two countries can solve problems with a treaty they signed last year.

"That seems to be the nature of US-Soviet relations at this stage," Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said a few days ago.

"We will for a long time continue to pay the ransom of mutual distrust. This is a fact."

Secretary of State George Shultz likes to remind sceptics that the climate of US-Soviet ties is much better than in the early 1980s, when most arms control talks were suspended and harsh public invective dominated superpower exchanges.

Shultz points to the INF Treaty, an agreement under which Soviet forces began leav-

Despite better superpower ties

ing Afghanistan on May 15, and other lesser accords as solid diplomatic achievements.

He says the Moscow summit will not lack substance.

However, Shultz also said this month that a Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty (Start) — proclaimed by Reagan and Gorbachev at their Washington summit as the goal of their next meeting — would not be possible by the Moscow summit.

Uncertain

US arms negotiator Paul Nitze pointed to the uncertain future of strategic arms talks when he said this month that, if an accord is not reached by September, there is no prospect of one soon after because of the impending US elections.

Whether the new president is Republican Vice-President George Bush or Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, the prospective nominees, it seems sure he will want to review thoroughly the details of superpower arms control talks before proceeding.

Between the Moscow summit and the assumption of office by the next president on Jan 20,

1989, US-Soviet ties seem likely to be on hold, if only because the elections and the formation of a new administration will dominate US politics.

An additional factor is Gorbachev's preoccupation with domestic reform, particularly his efforts to neutralise opponents in the Communist Party and government bureaucracy and to set the Soviet economy on a course of radical change.

American analysts in and out of government say a Soviet party conference in late June may give a clearer indication of Gorbachev's strength.

Powerful

But some think a stronger Gorbachev may not necessarily be good for the United States.

"To the degree that he is even modestly successful, the United States will face in the 1990s and beyond a militarily powerful and politically more adroit Soviet Union," Robert Gates, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), said in a recent speech.

Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig sees a deeper problem. "The Soviet preference

for arms control has dominated superpower relations, while one by one, the broader political issues essential for the longer term are being negotiated only at times and places of Moscow's choosing," he said this month.

Haig is not alone among US experts in urging that the United States not lose sight of superpower differences on issues such as human rights and conflicts in the Middle East, Central America, southern Africa and Southeast Asia.

George Arbatov, a Kremlin adviser and expert on US affairs, retorts that the United States needs a dose of "perestroika", the Russian word for Gorbachev's reforms.

Problems

"So much has changed that obsolete thinking and obsolete policies threaten to lead the country into a dead-end and have a very damaging effect on the international situation," Arbatov wrote in the Washington Post this month.

Independent analysts cite Poland's recent labour unrest and popular stirrings elsewhere in Eastern Europe as portents of

problems that could suddenly spring up to bedevil US-Soviet relations because they are so difficult to predict.

Neil MacFarlane, a specialist in Soviet foreign policy at the University of Virginia, says that even if the United States and the Soviet Union wanted joint approaches to Third World conflicts, there is no guarantee they would succeed.

"The Iraqis, Syrians, Israelis, South Africans and Nicaraguans have agendas of their own which do not necessarily coincide with those of superpowers and which may give them a stake in sabotaging peace efforts," he wrote in a recent study.

Despite these forebodings and the seemingly poor prospects for specific diplomatic breakthroughs in Moscow, few in the United States suggest it is a mistake for Reagan and Gorbachev to be meeting for the fourth time since November 1985.

That represents a change from the days before their first summit, when some experts expressed concern that public support for superpower dialogue could diminish if the two leaders failed to reach major agreements.



By Colin McIntyre

VIENNA. (Reuters): The radical reshuffle in the Hungarian leadership is likely to boost reforms elsewhere in the communist world, while sending a chill through old-guard conservatives of the Kadar generation.

The replacement of veteran Hungarian leader Janos Kadar, a one-time reformer now seen as a conservative, could unleash radical economic and political reforms that would increase the gulf between countries pushing for change, and those sitting tight, Western diplomats said.

"This will put Hungary even further ahead of its East European allies on the road to reform," Hungarian ideological chief Janos Berecz told Reuters.

"It will be a shot in the arm for reformers in other communist countries," a Western diplomat said.

At the same time the way Kadar was eased out after nearly 32 years in power by impatient young reformers could ring alarm bells among other ageing leaders who rose to power in the anti-reformer era of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

"Their days are numbered," the London Times commented in an editorial.

Salute

Significantly Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who shares the Hungarians' reformist zeal, was quick to send a fulsome salute to new leader Karoly Grosz, calling him "a principled communist and authoritative leader."

Gorbachev's message came on the eve of a key meeting of the Soviet Party Central Committee which on Monday approved a

Hungarian leadership change seen boosting reform in East Europe

blueprint to advance his own reform programme, similar in many respects to the Hungarian model.

But in East Germany, whose leadership has dismissed a need for reforms, some official media reported the changes in Budapest by quoting Kadar as stressing his commitment to communism and a one-party state, and ignoring Grosz.

What clearly concerns the East Germans is that the Hungarians are pushing not just for radical economic reforms challenging the fundamental tenets of the communist system, such as the right to a job, but for political reforms as well.

Broaden

The Hungarians, and Gorbachev, are seeking to broaden the decision-making process by increasing the role of government and party bodies at the expense of the party.

Hungary could go further down that road than Moscow is presently prepared to travel, Western diplomats said, noting the entry into the new politburo of radical reformer Imre Pozsgay, who has called openly for political pluralism and more democracy.

Pozsgay, head of the Patriotic People's Front of non-party organisations, is backed by dozens of independent groups and individuals, many of whom are not communist or no longer believe in the system.

Another politburo newcomer, Rezső Nyers, began his political life as a Social Democrat.



Janos Kadar

This challenge to traditional communist ideas has not gone down well in East Germany, which runs the best-functioning economy in the Soviet bloc and argues there is no need to change the system.

Reformers

Western diplomats in East Berlin said that while there might be would-be reformers waiting in the wings, there were no obvious ones in the leadership.

Noting that Honecker is 75, the same age bracket as Kadar and former Czechoslovak leader Gustav Husak, who stepped down last year, diplomats said there were no indications that East German leader would leave the scene.

Unlike Husak, who was known to be ailing, Honecker is reported to be in good health.

In Czechoslovakia, which did not make a single change in the politburo when Husak stepped down last December, the events

in Budapest have been reported factually and at some length, but without comment, Western diplomats in Prague said.

However the prospect of a radical reformist government across the border is likely to worry the ageing Prague leadership, virtually the same as the one set up after the 1968 "Prague Spring" reform was crushed by Warsaw Pact tanks.

Czechoslovakia has outlined tentative reforms, but so far has done little to push them forward.

In Bulgaria, there was no immediate indication of how the change in Budapest would affect the position of 76-year-old president and communist leader Todor Zhivkov, who has led his country since 1954.

Last year Zhivkov, who has also embraced Soviet-style reforms, proposed limiting the term of all party and state functions from the top downwards. However there was no indication he intended the move to be retroactive.

In Romania, whose 70-year-old leader Nicolae Ceausescu has also rejected a need for reforms despite an economy crippled by mismanagement and acute shortages, the official press has so far ignored the Hungarian changes, diplomats said.

For Ceausescu, who since 1965 has run a tight Stalinist-type system that brooks virtually no dissent, the Hungarian reforms would be anathema, diplomats said. However there have been reports of policy disagreements within the leadership.

Economic powers threaten future well-being of US

Although the public remains wary of Soviet intentions, the study concluded: "A clear majority of the American people indicated our economic competitors like Japan pose more of a threat to our national security than our traditional military adversaries like the Soviets."

The study, one of a series sponsored by a non-profit organisation, Americans Talk Security, founded by Boston businessman Alan Kay, has political implications for the 1988 election campaign.

Throughout the campaign,

trade issues have played a major role, especially in the Democratic primaries and caucuses. President Reagan's promise to veto the trade bill just passed by the Senate now threatens to spill over into the campaign, with Democrats hoping it works in their favour.

The study, however, found that the American public does not support simplistic solutions to the current trade deficit, or to the growing economic challenge from Japan or Western Europe.

By more than a 2-to-1 margin, the study found the public acknowledges that "improving the efficiency and productivity of US industries, rather than forcing other countries to adopt fairer trade practices, is the best way to reduce the trade deficit."

Even so, the public wants to see Washington take tough steps. Specifically, it favours putting pressure on Japan and Europe to assure a greater share of the costs of their own defences — even if US influence in those areas declines as a result, the study concluded.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

US, UNHCR protest Thailand's policy of turning away refugees

By Peter C. Choharlis

WASHINGTON: Boat people from Vietnam are again being turned away from Thailand toward the open sea. Up to a hundred have died recently, hundreds more may have been pushed away to an uncertain fate.

Once again, the United States and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees have protested Thailand's policy of turning away refugees. But the Thai government faults the West for not resettling more of the 100,000 Indochinese already in Thai refugee camps.

The immediate priority is to make sure that more boat people do not perish. A screening process, on the beaches if necessary, would allow those who qualify as refugees, and therefore for resettlement, to land. But for those found "inadmissible," and to prevent further boatloads from

risking their lives, the US must rethink its policy toward refugees and Southeast Asia.

For the last nine years, US policy in the region has been to keep the right of first asylum open to as many people as possible. That policy served everyone's interests. The US could point to large numbers fleeing Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam as proof of communism's failure and cruelty.

Thailand could use the large number of refugees on its orders to isolate Vietnam politically and as a buffer against any military push west.

Unemployment

Even Vietnam could reduce its high number of unemployed young men, get rid of undesirable, and line the pockets of many officials by allowing large numbers of people to leave in boats.

But this ready alignment of interests was bound to collapse. The moral obligation felt by the US to accept those who had fought beside it in Southeast Asia and who were fleeing "re-education camps" and other forms of persecution has ebbed dramatically. Since the fall of Saigon 13 years ago, Western governments have already settled more than 1.6 million Indochinese — 800,000 in the US alone.

Thailand and other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), as well as Hong Kong, realise that the West will not keep resettling large numbers; they worry that they will be stuck with hundreds of thousands of refugees and are crying, "Enough!"

The US can continue asking its Asean allies to let people in indefinitely, consigning them to crowded camps with little hope of leaving. Or the issue can be addressed at its Vietnamese source.

The US should expand the Orderly Departure Programme, which interviews those seeking to come to the US and other nations, adjudicating their applications in Vietnam. In addition to those fleeing political persecution, the programme allows for cases involving family reunification, Amerasian children, and former close associates of US organisations. The programme would spare Viet-

namese treacherous journeys. Neighbouring countries would be spared further burden.

Yet nearly 700,000 have applied to leave Vietnam under the Orderly Departure Programme. At the present rate, the processing would take 40 years. Many boat people leaving Vietnam have applied to the programme but do not want to wait.

Quotas

The problem is not quotas. As many as 28,500 people under present guidelines are eligible to come to the US this year. This number does not include immediate relatives of US citizens or Amerasians for whom there are no quotas. The problem is continued Vietnamese-US squabbling over which cases should receive priority.

In addition to processing Orderly Departure cases more swiftly, the US should try to reduce the enormous number who want to leave Vietnam for economic reasons, the job requires reducing the present political and economic isolation of Vietnam.

As part of a negotiating package that would include removal of 140,000 Vietnamese troops from Cambodia, co-sponsorship of open elections there, and progress on the issue of American servicemen missing in action, the US could offer economic and technical aid to Vietnam.

As further inducement, the US, along with Japan, Australia, and Asean, could end the US-initiated trade embargo, providing overseas markets, credit, and joint capital ventures to help Vietnam's crumbling economy.

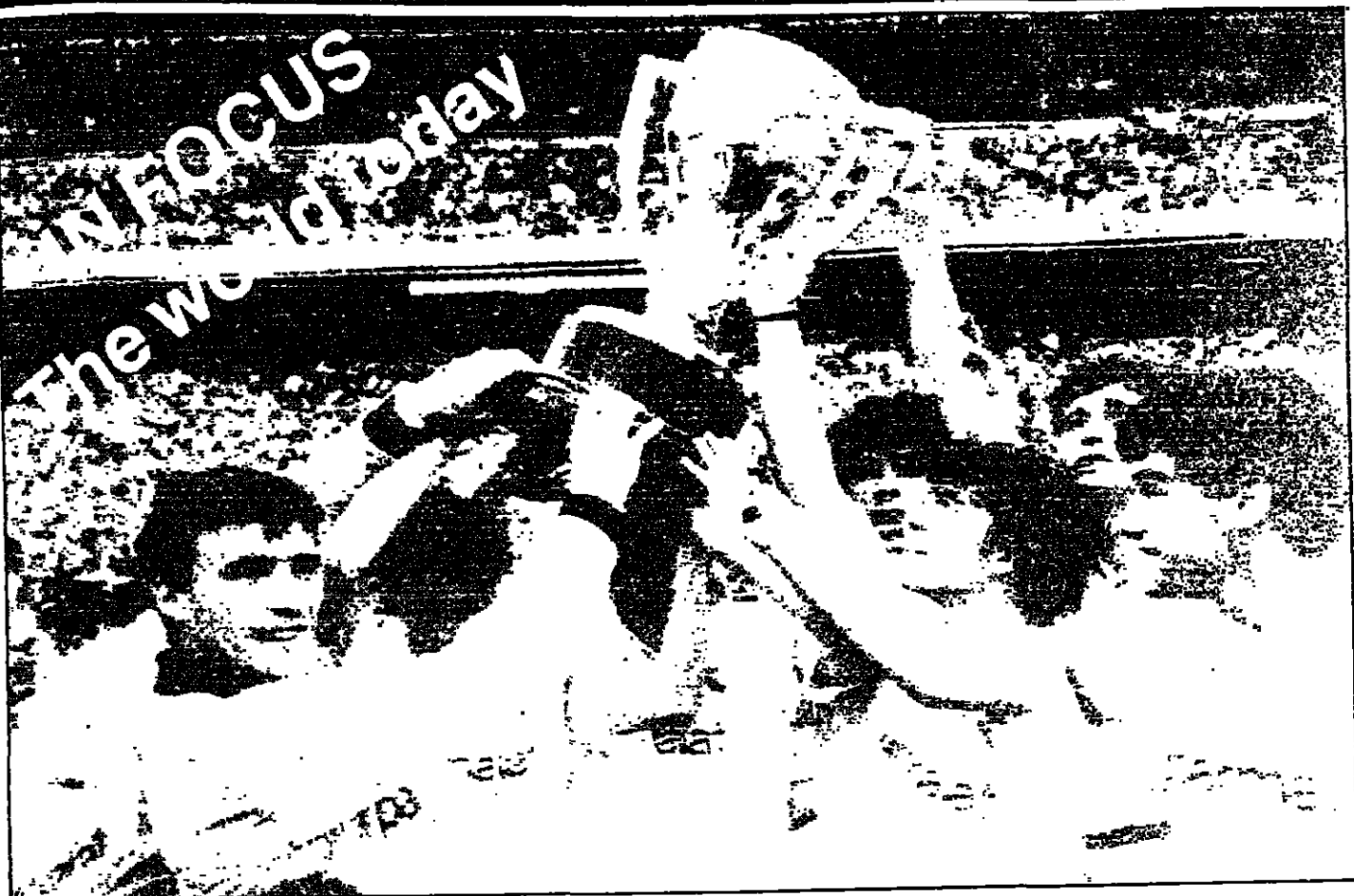
Contacts

This may be a good moment for improved relations. Economic reformists in Vietnam have taken over key positions. Recent successful talks held with Vietnamese officials by US Gen. John Vessey add further momentum to improving contacts between the two governments. And the recent release of 160 former South Vietnamese leaders from prison attests to the increased desire of the Vietnamese government to change old policies.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1612 — Sweden's King Gustavus II loses Elfsborg and Gulesberg to the Danes.
- 1689 — Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I signs treaties of alliance with Holland and Bavaria.
- 1890 — Italy reorganises her Red Sea territories as colony of Eritrea.
- 1900 — Britain annexes Orange Free State in South Africa.
- 1941 — German battleship Bismarck sinks British battle cruiser Hood in North Atlantic in World War II and more than 1,300 lives are lost.
- 1962 — London conference of Barbados, Windward and Leeward Islands ends with proposals of "Little Eight" to form New West Indies Federation.
- 1964 — Riot erupts at football match in Lima, Peru, and 300 spectators lose their lives.
- 1972 — United States and Soviet Union agree to a project to put US and Soviet spacemen in orbit together by 1975.
- 1975 — US President Gerald Ford approves two bills providing more than \$400 million to aid resettlement of refugees from South Vietnam and Cambodia.
- 1977 — Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy is dropped from ruling politburo without explanation.
- 1981 — Ecuador's President Jaime Roldos Aguilera is killed in plane crash in Andes Mountains near Peru border.
- 1984 — Israel and the United States reject a United Nations proposal for an international peace conference on the Middle East.
- 1987 — Fiji's deposed Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra refuses to work with military-backed interim government following coup.



REAL MADRID'S players hold the Spanish First Division Soccer League Cup aloft after the presentation Sunday night following the last match of the season against Real Valladolid. Madrid ended their championship season eleven points ahead of second place Real Sociedad of San Sebastian. Below, Real Madrid's team captain Carlos A. Santillana is about to head the ball home for the last time in his career with R. Madrid, he scored the second goal for his team in his farewell performance on Sunday afternoon. He retires after 17 consecutive seasons, having played over 700 First Division soccer matches and scoring close to 400 goals. (Reuter wirephoto)



PUPILS at Khalduniya Preparatory School in Nablus are among 200,000 Palestinian children up to the age of 11 whose schools reopened yesterday in the West Bank, four months after being closed because of anti-Israeli unrest. Graffiti on the wall was the work of Israeli soldiers, who used the school temporarily as a command post. (Reuter wirephoto)



A CURIOUS tourist studies the inscription on a unique statue near the central station in Brussels yesterday. Sunshine and warm temperatures attracted many tourists to the Belgian capital for the Whit Sunday long weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)



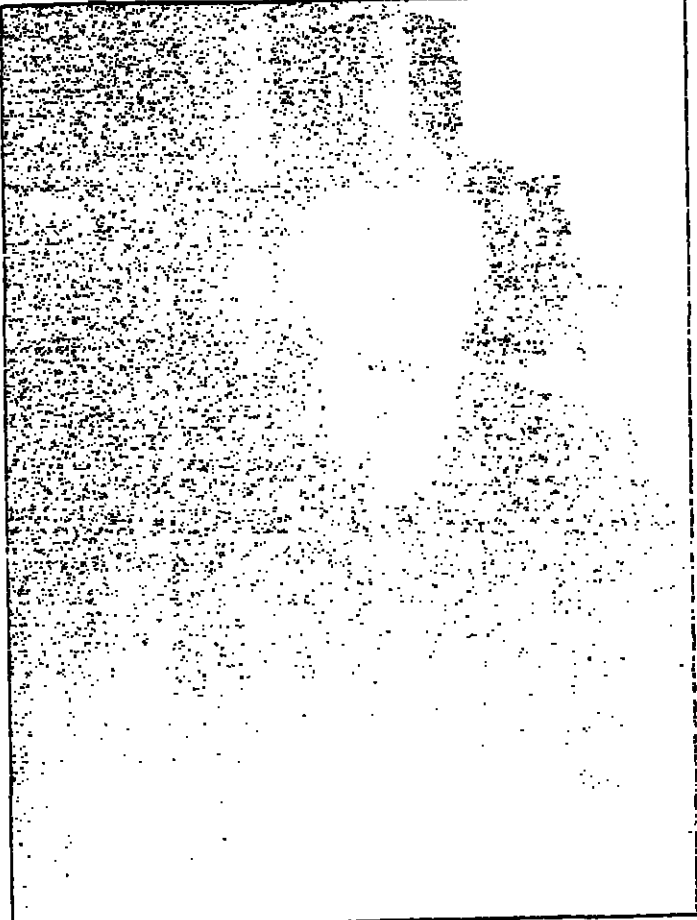
LIBYAN leader Moammar Khaddafi (left) embraces Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali on Sunday after Khaddafi arrived in Tunisia for talks. This was their third meeting since diplomatic relations were restored. (Reuter wirephoto)



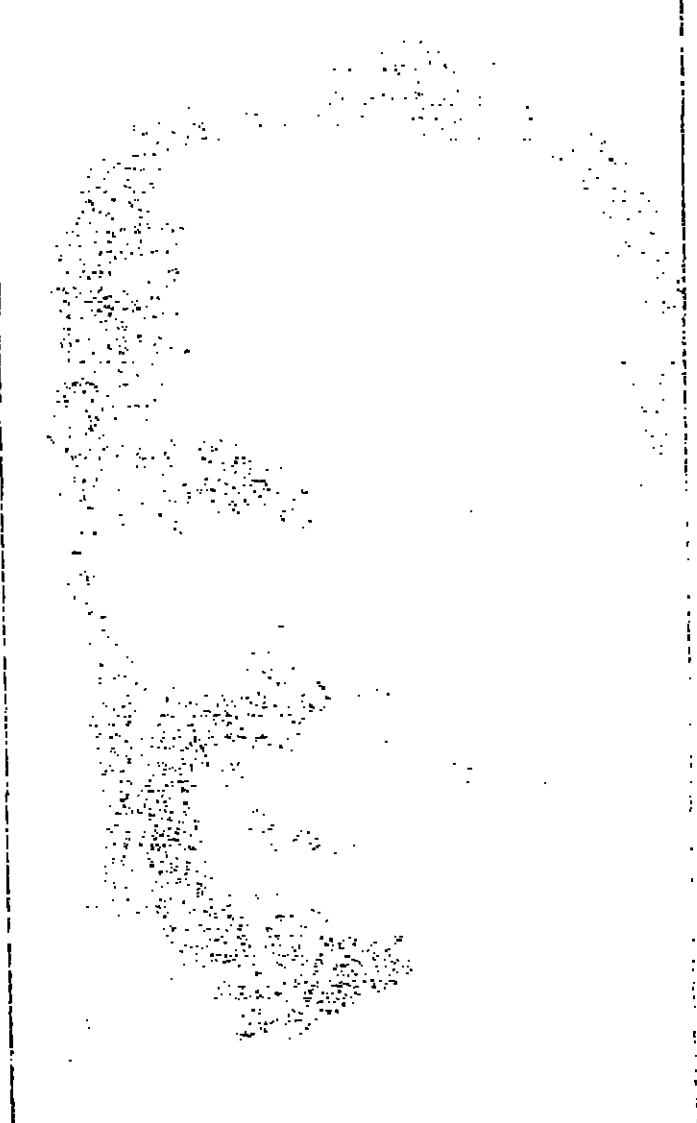
THE coffin containing the body of Giorgio Almirante, leader of Italy's neo-fascist Movimento Sociale Italiano party, is carried to a funeral ceremony on Sunday in Rome, as party members give the fascist salute. (Reuter wirephoto)



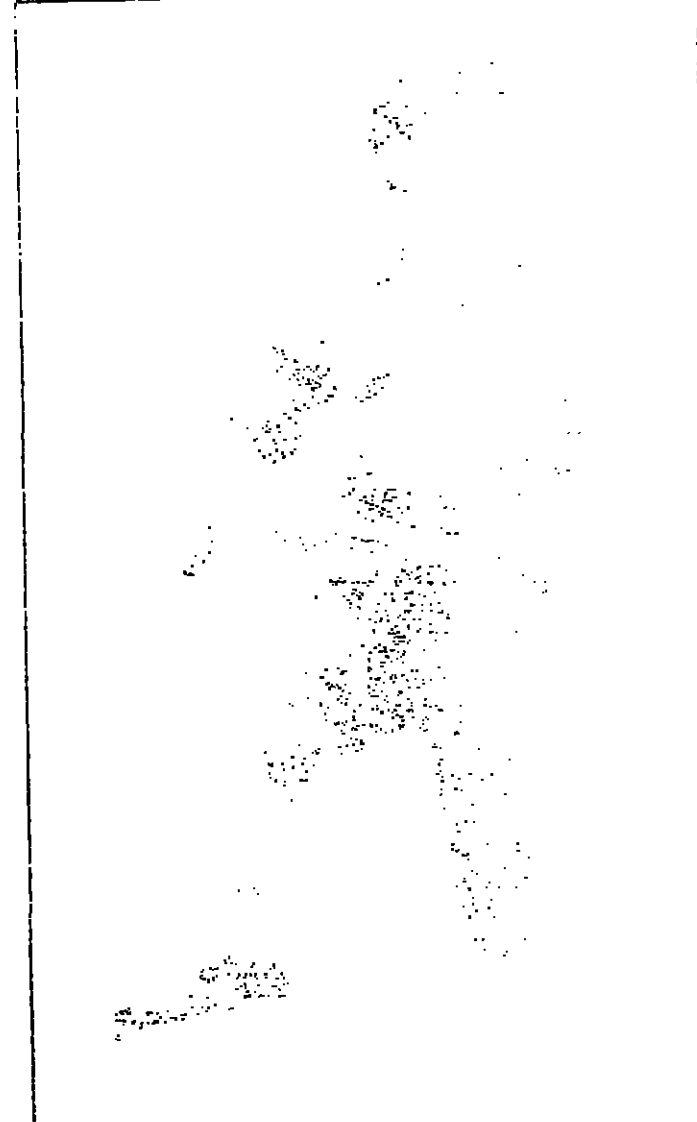
FRENCH tennis star Yannick Noah follows through on a serve during his 7-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over West German Ricky Osterthun in the men's singles opening round match of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



DINO GRANDI, (in a 1935 file picture) last surviving leader of fascist Italy and the man who provoked the overthrow of dictator Benito Mussolini, has died at his home in Bologna, north of Rome, on Saturday, his family announced. Grandi held many senior positions under Mussolini, including foreign minister and ambassador to Britain. He was 82. (Reuter wirephoto)



PIETER JACOBS, a coloured (mixed race) member of South Africa's Parliament, was shot dead by a balacavet gunman as he was leaving a Johannesburg church Sunday night. Jacobs was among 10 people who died in a wave of political violence that swept South Africa over the weekend. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SPECIAL task forces officer, armed with a submachine gun, patrols on the roof of the Athens International Airport yesterday as Turkish Foreign Minister, Mesut Yilmaz, arrives in Athens on a three-day official visit. (Reuter wirephoto)



MUBARAK AWAD, an American-Palestinian activist, enters Jerusalem's Supreme Court yesterday morning in handcuffs accompanied by a police officer. Awad faces deportation after being accused by Israeli leaders of inciting a five-month old Palestinian uprising against the occupation. (Reuter wirephoto)

Every child has the potential to be a genius

Engineering superbabies in a hot house

By Jane Fletcher

A PRETTY little girl sits beside her mother, reading out loud. With supreme confidence, she recites a speech from one of Shakespeare's plays, her soft voice never faltering over the long and unfamiliar words.

Her mother watches proudly, aware that she is witnessing something of a miracle. For her daughter, Felicia, is only four years old and has already developed the intellect of a person way beyond her years.

The child is being heralded as a genius, capable of astonishing feats. And soon there could be a whole generation of children just like her...

Felicia is just one of the many youngsters discussed in a new book about intensive teaching

At a unique institute in Philadelphia a controversial technique is being used to develop the intelligence of children to an incredible level. Pupils of the Hot House system, aged four to 12, can programme a computer, speak fluent Japanese and play a musical instrument.

or 'hot housing'.

The idea is simple: take a new-born baby, stimulate it from birth, educate it in a controlled and intensive manner — 'the hot house' — and as that child grows up, it will be of higher intelligence than one left to develop naturally.

The controversial technique has been pioneered in the United States by hot house

guru Glenn Doman.

Doman, a white-bearded, grandfatherly character, insists every child, from the moment of birth, has the potential to be a genius — regardless of their genetic makeup. The secret is to nurture young talent and help it grow.

With almost evangelical zeal, he says: "Tiny children can learn absolutely anything that

you can present to them in an honest and factual way. Then you do it with great love and affection and you can teach them all there is to learn."

Hundreds of ambitious parents in the US agree. They are flocking to Doman's Institutes For The Achievement of Human Potential — or 'Better Baby' Institute as it is known — in Philadelphia, anxious to enrol their children in the intensive education programme.

Programme

Much of the programme is based on Doman's findings when he was working with brain-damaged children.

He was trying to develop new pathways in the brain for injured children and soon became aware of the brain's ability to be 'reprogrammed' or to relearn lost skills.

Eventually, he applied that principle to the teaching of healthy children, with amazing results: with intensive coaching, tiny children could read, speak foreign languages and calculate mathematical formulae without difficulty. He saw the implications of his work, the chance to breed 'superbabies'.

Doman admits: "We are creating an elite group of children. And do you know how many children we want in that group? About a billion, because that is how many children there are in the world."

For the moment, however, he is content to work with those children brought to the campus by eager parents. And already, they are showing signs of genius potential.

Mostly aged between four and 12, the children can programme a computer, speak fluent Japanese and play a musical instrument.

They are articulate, confident and mature young people.

Doman says the brain's capacity to take in information can be expanded if a child is coached from an early age. The sooner teaching begins, the better. Perhaps even before the child is born.

Mothers-to-be have been known to try to stimulate a foetus's senses by talking to their unborn child in the womb, through a paper megaphone.

Then, from the moment of birth, this stimulation is intensified in several ways.

Lights are shone on and off into the baby's eyes and it is familiarized with shapes by putting cards between the lights and the eyes.

Maths

Simple maths tuition follows, by marking these cards with an increasing number of dots, so the infant learns to add up 'instinctively'.

Babies of just six-months-old have been known to do perform addition, simply by crawling towards the card showing the correct answer.

Gradually, as the child matures, more assignments are introduced into the daily



A mother-to-be talks to her unborn baby through a megaphone. This is to try and stimulate the foetus's senses.

programme, particularly the use of 'flash cards'.

A word written on a card is held up in front of the child and then spelt out, to encourage the baby to formulate speech.

Physical stimulation is a vital part of the teaching too, as it is said to enhance the brain's performance and improve co-ordination.

Doman's students can perform junior Olympic gymnastics and even four-year-olds can run a couple of miles each day without stopping.

They also take part in a physical exercise called 'braccation'. This involves swinging hand-over-hand on a climbing frame and, in between teaching sessions, children repeat this exercise several times.

To the uninitiated, it looks a strange practice, as little children hoist themselves on to the wooden frame and swing across like baby apes.

Nevertheless, Doman insists it enhances neurological development, and the children seem delighted to do it.

Hot housing may be a simple idea in principle, but it's very hard work in practice, especially for parents. They are advised to involve themselves completely in their child's education, all day, every day. Many put themselves through

special courses to help them become better and more informed parents.

Mothers, in particular, are encouraged to devote themselves to the task.

Doman says: "Mothers have always been the best teachers since time began," and he would like them to regard motherhood as a full-time job.

Women are taught never to talk down to a child — no goopy baby talk is allowed. Clear, concise explanations of how things work is sufficient. Many mothers take Doman's teachings to heart and dedicate themselves to educating their child, even if it means sacrificing their careers.

They reason, with total conviction, that they want to give their child the best start in life possible.

Naturally, Doman's theories have met with fierce opposition. Critics say he has little statistical evidence or data to back up the claims.

Nor is there a follow-up to check whether these superbabies become superadults. Do they, cynics wonder, learn too much, too soon and burn out in later life?

Hot housing also raises ethical questions. Should we interfere with natural development in this way? Should we try to

maximise the potential of children? And is the close, almost claustrophobic, relationship Doman advocates between parents and children such a good thing?

Doman is used to detractors, but is nevertheless surprised by criticism.

He says: "It is the most astonishing thing I have ever heard of that anybody should think it is bad to learn."

To him, the proof of his work at the institute is in the children themselves. They are not only extremely intelligent, but also seemingly happy, well-balanced individuals.

More importantly, he asserts that bright children like little Felicia, are better children, more sensitive and caring.

And he denies there is some sinister ulterior motive for creating a race of super children.

"We are not devoted to making Nobel prize winners or Olympic stars," he says. "We are devoted to giving children options, choices."

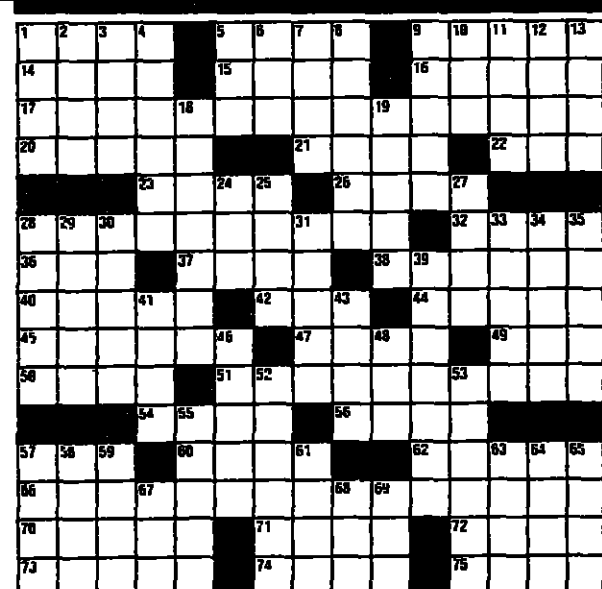
As we approach the year 2,000, it remains to be seen just what type of children will be leading us into the future...

Hot House People by Jane Walsley and Jonathan Margolis. Published by Pan at £3.95.



Four-year-old Felicia reads William Shakespeare with supreme confidence.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Paper measure
 - Exploit
 - Rent agreement
 - Polypour
 - King of the
 - Hunt
 - Former county in Scotland
 - Justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude
 - Goose genus
 - British royal house
 - Midi season
 - Inlets
 - Unlaid
 - Circulated letter
 - And
 - Hostel
 - Part of Morocco since 1969
 - Commission
 - Item of feminine neckwear
 - Stat. used in economic forecasts
 - Paid up
 - Shock
 - Start of an idea
 - Elver's parent
 - Bribes
 - Prickly bush with edible fruit
 - Sharp
 - Spanish stew
 - Viper
 - Cuckoos
 - Wear away
 - Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral
 - Augusta's state
 - Put out a runner, in baseball
 - Frosted
 - Urged on
 - Plant part
- DOWN**
- Cape on SW coast of Portugal
 - Arise
 - Ventilates
 - Up to date
 - Devotee
 - Airport abbr.
 - Comrade-in-arms
 - Modern name of ancient
 - Tibet
 - Tolkien tree
 - Intermittent fever
 - Beef fat
 - Actual being, from the Latin
 - Metallic element
 - Goddess of peace
 - Sound made by Annie's dog
 - Ballad
 - Mountain lake
 - Fissures
 - Dream: Comb. form
 - Remove a bottle top
 - Gambling game
 - Subsequently
 - Expression of disdain
 - In a peculiar manner
 - Type of rose
 - Empty shell
 - Money in Mexico
 - Deputy
 - Elect. unit
 - Pungent vegetables
 - Attempt to influence by private talk
 - Relaxed
 - 57 Zenith
 - Type of rug
 - Prude
 - Petty quarrel
 - Killer whale
 - Profound
 - Finishes
 - Suffix in chemistry
 - Hurry
 - Shade tree

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ACID STRIP METS
BORA IRENE EDIE
OVAL DICTA MILE
MENLO ARRESTED
BRIANDEPALMA
SIRS SHIFT
IST OATHS IDEA
THE UNTOUCHABLES
BARN PROOF EDS
EMITS TOITS
ROBERT DENIRO
CREATIVE RATED
ZINC TENSE RAND
ALLIE ENTER ELEE
REDD STATE DYER

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
LENDING A HELPING HAND

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 10 8 6
♥ 7 5 3
♦ 5 2
♣ A Q 10 6

EAST
♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 8 4
♦ K Q J 10 8 3
♣ A 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 7
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 6
♣ K J 9 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♠ 2 ♥
2 ♠ 3 ♥ 3 ♠ 4 ♥
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of

As a defender, make life as easy as possible for your partner. It is difficult enough to defend well in obvious situations without having to worry about partner creating problems where none might exist.

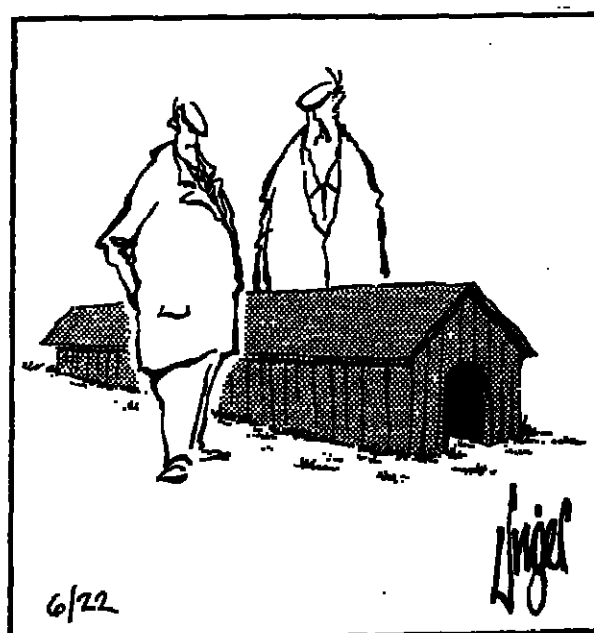
When both sides have a known or implied double fit, it is usually wiser to bid one more rather than choose to defend. That accounts for South's decision to go on to four

spades with his minimum. His judgment proved to be correct—East-West would have made four diamonds.

Against four spades West attacked with the king of diamonds. Routine defense would have been for East to signal encouragement and for West to continue with a diamond. Declarer would have ruffed and scored four more trump tricks and five clubs for his vulnerable game.

Fortunately for East-West, East was on his toes. He realized that his partner probably had a six-card suit for his two diamond bid, which meant that only one diamond trick was there for the defenders. So he overtook the king of diamonds with the ace and shifted to the king of hearts.

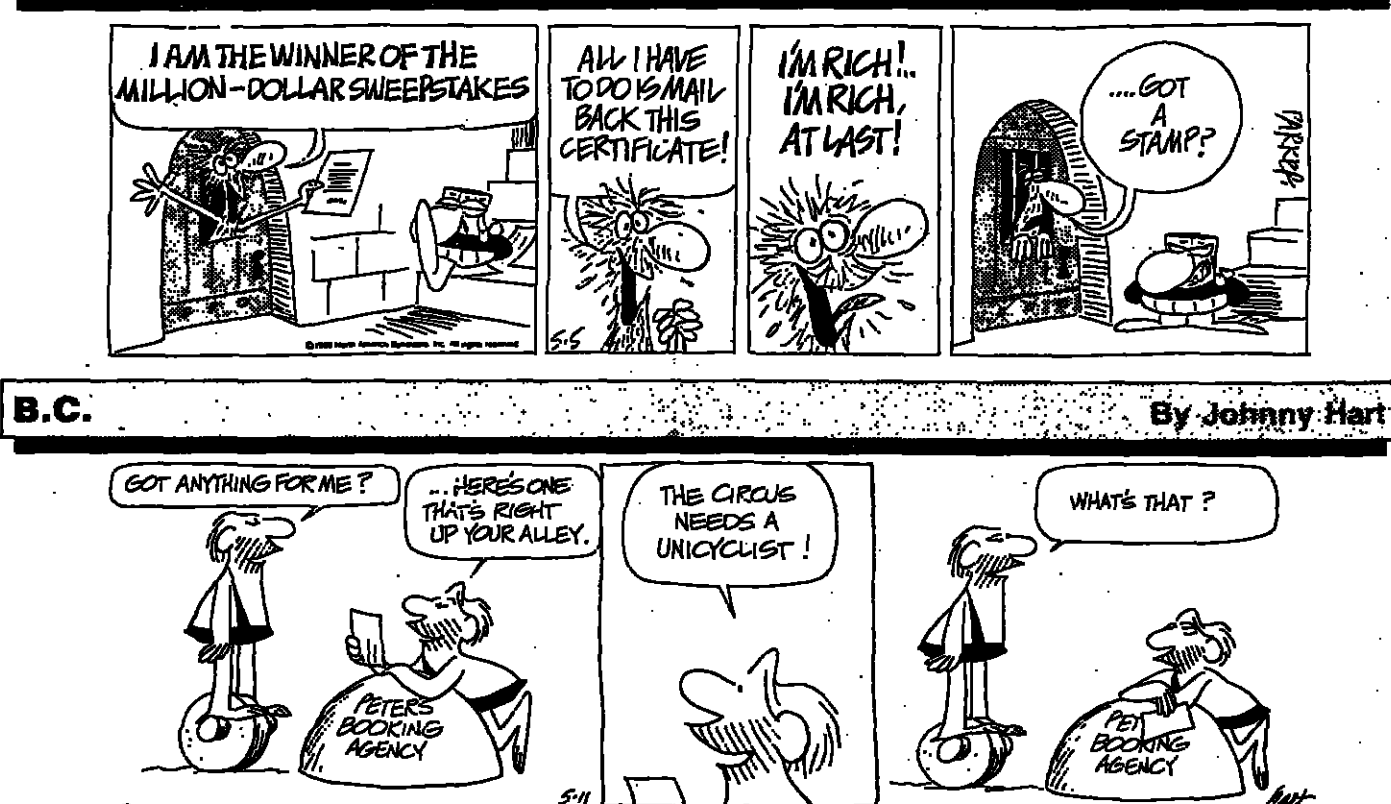
West showed his liking for the suit by following with the jack, and again East proved what a thoughtful partner he was. Had he continued with a low heart, West would have had to decide whether to try for a third heart trick or a second diamond. East removed that problem by continuing with the queen of hearts and another, and the defenders collected the four tricks that were their due.



"He likes to get a good run at the mailman."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brent Parker and Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You should not be put off by what still remains to be done. Just go ahead and work at it. Try to show a little more goodwill too. Be benevolent.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You will feel a little better disposed towards others. You will be able to achieve far better results. Do not allow your animosities to get the better of you. Be objective.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
You will be able to organise things better. You should not dwell so much on the past. You will be better able to persuade others. Be a little less ostentatious.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You will have to act fast if you do not wish a good opportunity to pass you by. You will be able to get something that is important done. Make sure you do not take any risks with your health. Be tactful.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
Today's influence of the Moon will help to improve your mood. You will have something to be pleased about. You should try to make just slightly more effort. Be considerate.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
You should avoid overcommitting yourself financially. You will find it easier to get on with someone you do not like very much. You should not seek to use force. Be a little more moderate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You should try to take measures to stop yourself from lagging behind. A lot depends on the way you organise yourself and dispose of your time. You should watch the number of sweet things you eat. Be punctual.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You will be able to make good progress with a project that you have set your heart upon. Venus's more favourable influence will help you to restore or enhance harmony.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You should not allow some trivial matter to be blown out of proportion. There is a need to try to keep things simple. Mercury's more favourable influence will help you to see reason.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
The Moon's influence will help you to be more determined. You should not try to do too many things all at once. Leave yourself more time for your personal life. Be cordial.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
You should avoid getting caught up in detail. You will find it relatively easy to cope with your daily problems. However you must avoid exaggerations and recognise your limitations.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You will tend to be rather on the irritable side. Make sure you get all the rest you need. You should leave as little as possible to chance. Be resolute.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oman reverses oil output cut

MUSCAT, May 23, (AP): Oman has reversed a decision to cut its oil production by 5 per cent to help Opec stabilise oil prices and gone back to its 1987 output peak of 600,000 barrels a day, oil industry sources said yesterday.

Oman is not a member of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. But it has been reducing production to help the organisation hold its benchmark price at \$18 a barrel.

The new level, which came into effect on May 1, will be maintained until Opec talks resume in Vienna in June, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Oman has pared output three times since September 1986 to support Opec pricing strategies. The latest cut in February reduced production by 5 per cent to 536,750 barrels a day.

The sultanate originally formulated its current development programme on the basis of 600,000 barrels daily.

Response
Opec had been unable to agree on a response to a proposal by Oman and five other non-Opec producers for an all-round 5 per cent production cut at a Vienna meeting last month in a bid to firm up the flagging oil market.

Opec will discuss the issue again next month.

Iran, one of the Opec states who backed the call for a fresh production cut, is sending its oil minister to Oman.

Cost of living falls in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, May 23, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's cost of living index fell in 1987, for the fourth consecutive year, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) said.

Figures compiled by Sama showed the index for middle income Saudi families earning between 3,000 and 11,000 riyals a month (\$800 to 2,800) dropped 4.9 per cent to 91.9 during 1987.

Arab states and the index for Saudi and expatriate middle income families combined dropped 1.6 per cent to 90.9.

The decline was brought on by falls in the costs of food, clothing and housing, with accommodation costs dropping 13.4 per cent during the year.

In 1986, the index was 92.7 for Saudi and 92.4 for Saudi and expatriate families. In 1983, the base year, the index for both was 100.

Record high sugar production predicted

WASHINGTON, May 23, (AP): World sugar production in 1988-89 is expected to be a record of about 103.9 million metric tons, slightly more than the 103.9 million tons produced in 1987-88, the agriculture department said yesterday.

The latest figures included revisions from the department's first forecast issued on May 4, which indicated production at 104.1 million metric tons in 1988-89 and last year's output at 103.6 million tons.

Production in Brazil — the largest producer — was reduced to a 1988-89 forecast of 8.1 million tons from 8.4 million tons indicated earlier this month, the report said. Revisions also were reported for several other countries.

Oil market shows relative stability

Lagoven highlights its operations

CARACAS, May 23, (Opecna): Lagoven, a subsidiary of the Petroleos De Venezuela (PDVSA) — the Venezuelan state oil company — says it fully achieved the goals it set itself last year.

Despite difficult times, the company has managed to assimilate a growth and evolution process which has resulted in greater operational efficiency, according to its president Renato Urdaneta.

In 1987, he said, the world oil market showed relative stability, compared with 1986 which was marked by price fluctuations.

Commitment
Reiterating his country's commitment to its Opec assigned quota of 1.57 million b/d, Renato said: "We oriented our efforts to obtaining the greatest possible benefit from the export volumes allotted to us."

He explained that this had been achieved through the timely replacement of its assigned

Abu Dhabi cuts oil output, says study

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 23, (AP): Abu Dhabi has cut back oil production by an estimated 150,000 to 170,000 barrels a day, a weekly oil review reported today.

The report by the respected Middle East Economic Survey came as Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh arrived in Abu Dhabi from Oman on a special mission seeking cuts by Gulf oil producers.

The oil review said that after reaching an output of over one million barrels per day in the first half of May, Abu Dhabi was implementing a production cut-back as of May 15.

Though the precise extent of the cut was not yet fully clear, initial indications were that

production would be reduced by some 150,000-170,000 barrels per day below the level prevailing in the first half of the month, the oil review said.

Down
This would bring Abu Dhabi output down from around 1.03 million barrels per day to somewhere in the 850,000-900,000 barrels per day range, it added.

The review said that assuming that Dubai will continue production at its present level of 400,000 barrels per day, total output by the UAE will then be running at around 1.25-1.30 million barrels per day. This is still a long way over the official Opec quota of 948,000 barrels per day.

After visiting Oman and Abu Dhabi Aqazadeh will also visit

Indonesia for consultations ahead of the June 8 ministerial council meeting of the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The meeting will discuss a proposal by non-Opec producers for an all-round 5 per cent production cut at a Vienna meeting last month in a bid to firm up the flagging oil market.

Cooperation
Iran, an Opec member along with Indonesia and the UAE, is a strong supporter of the production cut proposal. The cut is opposed by two other Opec members, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Oman, which is not an Opec member, last week reversed a

decision to cut its production by 5 per cent and went back to its 1987 output peak of 600,000 barrels per day.

Oil industry sources in Muscat said the new level will be maintained until the Opec June meeting.

Aqazadeh was quoted by the official Emirates news agency WAM as saying on arrival at Abu Dhabi that Iran "will back any framework for just cooperation" between producers inside and outside Opec.

The Iranian minister said that he hoped an agreement would be reached in Vienna for a cooperative production cut with Opec and non-Opec nations which would boost oil prices to the \$18 a barrel target set by

Opec. Though WAM did not elaborate, it also reported that Aqazadeh called on Opec to deal with "all proposed solutions" for supporting Opec's target price at the Vienna meeting.

Attempts
The reported statement indicated Iran is softening its position after accusing Saudi Arabia of deliberately scuttling the attempts at the Opec consultative session last month for an accord on the percentage-based output.

Saudi Arabia countered with a proposal for a barrel-for-barrel cut, arguing that Opec should not surrender further market share.

Western nations warn economic dangers still lie ahead

PARIS, May 23, (Reuters): Leading non-Communist industrial nations, still divided over economic and farm policy, warned yesterday that the world economy faced dangers despite its healthy performance since the stock market crash last October.

Ministers attending the 24-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) agreed in a final communiqué that huge global trade imbalances and high unemployment in the industrial world risked destabilising the economic system.

More seriously, divisions between the United States and Europe over key trade issues, especially how to tackle multi-billion dollar farm subsidies, remained unresolved despite a

compromise which enabled them to map out a negotiating strategy, officials said.

On a more positive note, ministers agreed that international cooperation seemed to be achieving results and that global inflation was low.

"There are encouraging features in the current economic situation ... (but) there are no grounds for complacency," the communiqué said.

Risks
The OECD urged the US to reduce its budget deficit further, told Japan that it needed to maintain its recent expansion and prodded Europe to step up growth.

US Treasury Secretary James Baker had moved earlier in the day to defuse market concerns over an over-heating of US con-

sumer demand, which many economists interpreted as potentially inflationary.

"We do not see the risks of inflation or overly expansive domestic demand," he told reporters here, adding that he felt the US economy could make a fairly painless transition from a consumption-led expansion to export-led growth.

The issue that dominated the meeting was the deep transatlantic rift over the hand-outs paid to farmers in the United States and Europe.

US Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng accused Western Europe of "economic pollution" for dumping its farm surpluses on world markets, while European officials pointed a finger at American subsidies for milk and sugar and said Europe

could not dismantle farm protection on its own.

The issue, which had threatened to wreck the OECD meeting, was finally cloaked in a compromise formula under which both sides agreed to adopt a "framework approach" to trade negotiations and left discussion of substantive issues until late.

Row
The main thing was to avoid a needless row or clash which would have been a counter-productive signal, EEC trade commissioner Willy De Clercq said as the meeting ended.

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said the compromise "represents a merging of what had hitherto been irreconcilable differences between the United States position — all protection

out by the year 2000 — and the European position."

"This means ... we can look forward to the prospect of a much more constructive outcome" to the top-level review of global trade talks planned for Montreal in December within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), Hayden said.

Talks
De Clercq, asked by reporters if either side had made specific concessions on the farm issue, said "no" and added that negotiations over the next few months would be very hard.

Daniel Amstutz, the chief US negotiator to the GATT talks, cautiously welcomed the compromise formula, saying the framework approach should be helpful to later talks.

Saudi cement firm seeks loan rescheduling after loss

BAHRAIN, May 23, (Reuters): The construction industry hit by declining oil revenues, Saudi Arabia's newest cement producer has asked creditors to reschedule 750 million riyals (\$200 million) in loans, bankers said today.

The Saudi-Kuwait Cement Co last week reported a 1987 net loss of 46.9 million riyals (\$12.5 million), its second loss in a row in three years of operation.

Approval
Bankers said negotiations to reschedule two major loans, one a syndication with 14 commercial banks and the other a loan from the government-owned Saudi Industrial Development Fund (Sidf), were nearing conclusion.

"Basically we're in agreement — we're waiting for approval from one bank," said a banker involved in the negotiations.

Saudi-Kuwait general manager Hassan Badr told Reuters the company had asked banks to stretch out payments on a \$50 million syndicated loan (\$120 million) signed in June, 1985.

Facility
The loan was divided into a 350 million (\$93 million) term facility due to mature in 1992 and a 100 million riyal (\$27 million) revolving two-year credit to be repaid on June 1 this year.

The company, based in the kingdom's eastern province, said it was able to make the first instalment of the term loan in June, 1987, but fell behind on a 47 million riyal (\$12.5 million) second instalment in December.

Bankers said about 323 million riyals (\$86 million) was still outstanding on the term facility and 49 million riyals (\$13 million) on the revolving credit.

World Business Summary

Hanover Bank to boost gas-additive loan

CARACAS, May 23, (AP): The Manufacturer's Hanover Bank, Ltd., plans to increase by nearly two-thirds its loan for construction of the western hemisphere's largest non-polluting-gas-additive plant, the governmental news service Venpres reported. The London-based bank intends to add \$60 million to the \$100-million loan it agreed to make for a methyl-terbutyl-ether (MTBE) project earlier this month, Venpres reported Friday. The total cost of the plant, which will be similar to one already in Saudi Arabia, should amount to \$266 million. MTBE is an additive that produces similarly high octane levels in gasoline as does lead, without the pollution. In late 1990, the plant is to begin producing 500,000 tons of MTBE per year, all earmarked for export to the United States, Western Europe and Japan. Venezuela has no restrictions on using leaded gasoline, and the plan is seen as another means of pleasing hard currencies to pay off the country's \$29-billion foreign debt. Twenty-two other American and European banks are involved with Manufacturer's Hanover, Ltd., in the plant's financing.

The plant, already under construction in eastern Venezuela, is being built by Super Octanos, C.A., a joint enterprise in which Equiven — the petrochemical affiliate of Petroleos De Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) — and Ecofuel — a subsidiary of the Italian firm ENI — each holds 49 per cent interest. Together, they will cover the balance of the cost of construction.

Aqazadeh to discuss Opec problems with Indonesia

JAKARTA, May 23, (Reuters): Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh will discuss ways of narrowing differences within Opec during a two-day visit to Jakarta this week, Indonesian Energy Minister C. Sanjaya Kartasasmita said today.

He said Aqazadeh, a three-nation tour which is also taking him to Oman and the U.S., will visit Indonesia on Wednesday and Thursday. "We will make a hard effort to close differences between Opec members," Gananjar told reporters. Indonesia is widely regarded as part of a moderate group within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) which would help to bridge differences, particularly between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

At its last meeting in April, Opec was unable to agree on reciprocal output cuts proposed by six non-Opec producers to boost sagging world prices. Iran and seven other Opec members supported the planned joint cuts but Saudi Arabia and other Gulf producers blocked an agreement. The Iranian national news agency Irna said Aqazadeh's tour was aimed at fighting depressed oil prices prior to an Opec meeting in Vienna next month. Gananjar proposed last week that Iran's Gulf war system. He said it was important that Opec solved the issue of Iraq's quota at its next meeting.

Oil prices firm slightly

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): World spot crude oil markets firmed 10 to 20 cents a barrel on Friday but stuck to recent narrow trading ranges, unimpressed by comments from Iran's top spokesman that Tehran is at war with Washington. The United States State Department later dismissed the assertion, although it said its ships would continue to defend themselves against attack in the strategic Middle East Gulf.

Traders said oil markets defused some early support from the statement, fearing renewed tension in the strategic waterway. But they noted that overall price direction was lacking. Most saw little incentive to trade ahead of the twice-yearly conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) starting on June 8 in Vienna. Prices had slipped over the past days on market perceptions of surplus supplies of crude on both sides of the Atlantic. But, in the North Sea on Friday, signs emerged that physical prices may have bottomed out, commanding less of a large discount to attract buyers than seen recently. One cargo of North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was removed sold at a discount of 20 cents a barrel to June loading cargoes, compared with trade on Wednesday at a 32 cents discount.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1988

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	738.0
ABBEY LFE	272.0	JAGUAR	242.0
ADT LTD	116.0	LADRORE	403.0
ALD LYONS	414.0	LAND SECS	578.0
AMSTRAD	173.0	LAPORTE	417.0
ARGYLL GP	192.0	LASMO	415.0
ASDA GP	153.0	LEGAL-GEN	258.0
BAA	76.22	LORWIND	214.0
BAT	246.0	LUCAS IND	519.0
BAT INDS	397.0	MAGNET	236.0
BARCLAYS	395.0	MARKS+SP	174.0
BASS	806.0	MAXWELL C	213.0
BEAZER	175.0	METAL BOX	03.79
BEECHAMS	450.0	MEPC	565.0
BERTSFORD	304.0	MIDLAND BK	400.0
BICC PLC	328.0	NEXT	256.0
BLUE ARMY	112.0	NTN FOODS	295.0
BLUE CIRC	409.0	P & O DFD	578.0
BOC GP	379.0	PEARL	469.0
BOOTS CO	212.0	PICKINGTON	199.0
BPB INDS	277.0	RACAL	311.0
BR COMM	247.0	RANK HVS	347.0
BR AIRWAY	145.0	RANK ORG	707.0
BR AEROSP	382.0	ROKITT+CO	98.0
BR GAS RG	168.0	REDLAND	385.0
B.P.	260.0	REED	403.0
B.P. NEW	65.0	RYL BK SC	454.0
BR TELCOM	239.5	RMC GRP	453.0
BRITOL	127.0	RTZ CORP.	397.0
BUNZL	545.0	ROLLS ROY	115.0
BURTON	226.0	ROTHMAN B	418.0
CABLE&IR	347.0	ROWNTREE	892.0
CADBURYS	327.0	ROYAL INS	366.0
COATS VVY	227.0	SAATCHI	360.0
COMI UNL	358.0	SCARBURY	216.0
CONS GOLD	025.0	SCOT-NEW	309.0
COOKSONS	513.0	SEARS	115.0
COURTAULD	351.0	SEDEXWICK	222.0
DALGETY	297.7	SHELL	024.0
DEE CP	184.0	SKITT+MEPH	112.0
DIXONS	171.0	STC	245.0
ENG CHINA	427.0	STOREHSE	253.0
ENTER OIL	394.0	SUN ALLIA	909.0
FKT BARCK	122.0	TARMAC	235.0
FERRANTI	78.0	TATE&LYLE	73.0
GEN ACCID	885.0	TESCO	145.0
GEN ELEC	146.0	THORN EMI	62.0
GLAXO	904.0	TRAF HSE	29.0
GLORIE	132.0	TSE	174.0
GLYNED	444.0	T+H	32.0
GRAND MET	493.0	TRUSTHSE	37.0
GUARD RYL	859.0	ULTRAMAR	283.0
GKN	306.0	UNILEVER	434.0
GUINNESS	315.0	UNIGATE	308.0
HAMMERS A	352.0	UTD BISC	458.0
HANSON	26.37	UTD INSPR	250.0
HAWKER SIC	511.0	WELLCOME	535.0
HILLSDOWN	273.0	WHITBROD IN	268.0
ICI	950.0	WILLIAMS	268.0
		WILLIS FB	273.0
		WIMPEY GE	250.0
		WOOLWORTH	281.0

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	689.0	690.0
600 GROUP	105.0	105.0
A.S.ELECT	418.0	415.0
AAH HLD	272.0	273.0
AARONSON	118.0	118.0
ACORE OIL	180.0	181.0
ADDITION	90.0	
ADVEST	320.0	321.0
ALEX WRMK	166.0	167.0
ALEXON	380.0	381.0
ALLD COLL	124.0	125.0
ALLD PLNT	51.0	51.0
ALLIANCE	764.0	768.0
ANARI	185.0	185.0
AMEC	374.0	376.0
AMER TRST	114.0	116.0
AMERSHAM	446.0	446.0
AMT HLTCH	264.0	265.0
ANGLO O'S	190.4	193.0
APPLEYARD	435.0	433.0
APRICOT	98.0	98.0
APV PLC	113.0	114.0
AQUAS.A.	82.0	83.0
ARAN ENGY	74.0	75.0
ARCHER AJ	156.0	156.0
ARLINGTON	203.0	203.0
ARNSTROM	128.0	129.0
ASHLEY LA	113.0	114.0
ATTWOODS	276.0	276.0
AUS REE A	259.0	258.0
AUST REED	343.0	363.0
AVON RUBB	690.0	695.0
B.WEILL	160.0	160.0
BALL JAP	492.0	493.0
BANKER IT	63.0	63.0
BARKER D	144.0	144.0
BART DEV	178.0	178.0
BAYNES C.	28.0	29.0
BEAHM GP	166.0	166.0
BELHAVEN	45.0	46.0
BELLWAY	250.0	251.0
BENLOX HD	64.0	64.0
BENTALLS	181.0	181.0
BERKELEY	338.0	338.0
BHR GROUP	113.0	113.0
BIMIND GL	395.0	395.0
BLACKWOOD	50.0	50.0
BLACK LE	16.0	16.0
BNETT AF	32.0	33.0
BONASE MA	250.0	250.0
BODDINGTON	141.0	140.0
BODY SHOP	525.0	525.0
BOOKER	382.0	383.0
BORTHWICK	65.0	66.0
BOATHE	374.0	373.0
BOUTHORPE	152.0	151.0
BR ASSETS	63.4	64.0
BR DREGI	128.0	128.0
BR LAND	330.0	333.0
BR VITA	224.0	224.0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSC COM	30.0	30.1
ATLANTIC R	85.4	85.4
AR CORP	24.6	24.0
AETNA LIFE	40.7	40.7
ALBERTSONS	28.6	28.7
ALCAN ALUM	27.2	27.2
ALCO STAND	24.5	25.1
AM CYANIT	46.0	46.2
AM ELEC PV	26.7	27.0
AM HON PRO	70.5	71.0
AM STONARD	76.7	76.7
AM STORES	53.4	53.2
AM TEL-TEL	26.6	26.6
AMOCO CORP	75.1	75.1
AMPC INC	45.0	45.2
AMPO PITT	13.3	13.2
AMR CORP	40.0	40.0
AM GEN CO	27.7	28.0
AMERADA NE	28.0	28.0
ANTHEM ELE	11.6	11.7
APACHE CP	7.7	7.7
APACHE PET	2.6	2.6
ARMSTRONG	36.1	36.1
ASHLAND OIL	68.5	68.4
ASIA PACIF	6.3	6.2
ATLS CORP	31.0	31.2
AVERT INC	21.0	21.1
AVON PRODS	23.1	23.1
BCE INC	29.5	29.5
BELLSOUTH	39.1	39.2
BELO CP A	26.4	26.4
BETH STEEL	18.7	18.7
BEVERLY	5.4	5.4
BK BOSTON	24.0	24.1
BK BOSTN-A	0.2	0.2
BK NY-NY	30.0	30.1
BK AMERICA	10.0	10.1
BKAM SPEC	7.0	7.0
BOEING CO	50.6	50.6
BOISE CASC	43.1	43.1
BORDEN	48.7	48.7
BONATER	29.0	29.1
BR TELECOM	45.0	45.0
BRIGGS-STYR	28.7	29.1
BRIST-MYER	39.7	39.7
BRUNSWICK	21.5	21.7
BURDICK	12.6	12.6
C 3 INC	10.2	10.1
CABOT CORP	34.6	34.6
CAESARS INC	23.3	23.3
CAL FREIGHT	22.1	22.3
CAS NAT GS	0.1	0.1
CAS-CODGE	24.5	24.6
CATERPILLAR	61.3	61.3
CBT IND	26.1	26.1
CBZ	148.2	148.3
CENTEL CP	45.2	45.0
CHAMP INTL	33.3	33.3
CHAMP SP	11.6	11.7
CHARTER CO	3.6	3.7
CHASE MAN	24.7	24.7
CHENED CP	32.0	32.0
CHEMICAL BANK	26.7	26.5
CHEVRON	47.7	47.5
CHRYSLER	21.7	21.6
CHUBB CORP	53.7	53.6
CHUR FR CH	5.7	5.6
CIGNA CORP	43.4	43.2
CIN MILAC	0.2	0.2
CIR CIT ST	26.4	26.4
CIRCLE K	13.6	13.6
CITICORP	21.6	21.7
CLARK EQUIL	31.0	31.2
CLOROX	28.1	28.2
COMBIL RES	1.2	1.2
COMBIL SP	24.5	24.7
CAN PAC	17.4	17.2
COACHMAN	9.1	9.1
COASTAL	28.0	28.0
COCA-COLA	35.6	35.6
COLECO	2.0	2.1
COLEMAN CO	40.2	40.4
COLD-PALM	41.7	41.5
COLT INDS	16.7	16.7
COLUM GAS	29.0	29.1
COM EDISON	23.5	23.6
COMAGRA	26.7	26.6
COM EDISON	41.5	41.6
CONTINENTAL	36.7	37.0
CONTL TLLN	0.3	0.3
CONTEL CP	31.2	31.2
CONTR DATA	25.2	25.1
COOPER T-R	57.0	57.0
CORNING GL	12.1	12.2
COOKING CO	49.5	49.6
CRANE	29.1	29.1
CRAV RES	7.0	7.0
CULLINNEY	7.4	7.3
DANIEL IND	8.2	8.2
DATA GEN	21.1	21.2
DATAPoint	5.5	5.5
DAYTON HUD	33.1	33.0
DEC	100.3	100.6
DEERE-CO	45.5	45.6
DELTA AIR	46.2	46.2
DIAMOND SH	13.5	13.6
DIEBOLD	37.4	37.2
DISNEY W	55.2	55.4
DOW CORP	60.0	60.0
DOW CHEM	30.0	29.6
DRESSER INC	33.1	33.4
DREYFUS	24.0	24.0
DUKE POWER	43.0	42.7
DUN BRAD	47.2	47.4
DUPONT	80.4	80.4
DUESSENE	14.5	14.0
DYNAMICS	20.3	20.5
E SYSTEMS	26.7	26.5
EAGLE PICH	28.2	27.6
EASTERN G	24.1	24.2
EMERSON EL	29.5	29.6
EMERSON RA	3.0	3.1
ETHYL CP	21.3	21.3
EXON	44.0	44.1
FAM DOL ST	10.4	10.3
FED EXPRESS	41.0	41.1
FIELDCREST	17.0	17.1
FIL COR-AM	1.1	1.1
FLEETWOOD	20.2	20.4
FMC CORP	30.6	31.1
FORD MOTOR	46.7	47.0
FORT HOAR	33.4	33.5
FORBORG CO	28.1	28.1
FRCHLD IND	10.0	10.0
FST BANK	20.7	20.7
FST BOSTON	28.1	28.1
FST CHICAG	24.6	24.2
FST INTERS	42.0	41.7
GAF CORP	47.4	47.2
GANNETT CO	30.2	30.4
GALVESTON	0.1	0.1
GATX CORP	45.3	45.1
GCA CP	4.7	4.7

NEW YORK

	200.00	200.00	NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
	158.00	158.00	A BSCN COM	30.00	30.00
	47.00	48.00	ATLANTIC R	85.40	85.40
	063.00	065.00	AAR CORP	24.60	24.60
B	207.00	206.00	AETNA LIFE	40.70	40.70
I	180.00	179.00	ALBERTSONS	28.60	28.60
	115.00	116.00	ALCAN ALUM	27.72	27.72
	128.00	128.00	ALCO STAND	24.50	25.25
T	92.00	96.00	AM CYNAMID	46.00	46.00
	384.00	381.00	AM ELEC PM	26.67	27.00
C	24.00	25.00	AM HON PRO	70.50	71.00
	93.00	93.00	AM SON PRO	79.50	79.50
M	6.00	6.00	AM STANDARD	76.67	76.67
	98.00	99.00	AM STORES	53.50	53.50
N	50.00	50.00	AM TEL-TEL	26.66	26.66
	325.00	326.00	AMOCO CORP	75.10	75.10
G	240.00	241.00	AMPC INC	45.00	45.00
R	68.00	68.00	AMPOD PITT	13.30	13.30
S	29.00	29.00	AMR CORP	40.00	40.00
	34.00	34.00	AMR GEN CO	27.77	27.77
B	57.00	57.00	AMERADA NE	28.00	28.00
J	394.00	386.00	ANTHEM ELE	11.60	11.60
F	29.00	29.00	APACHE CP	7.77	7.77
S	110.00	113.00	APACHE PET	2.60	2.60
	16.00	16.00	ARMSTRONG	36.61	36.61
	189.00	191.00	ARMSTRONG DIL	68.68	68.68
	109.00	110.00	ASIA PACIF	6.30	6.30
	101.00	100.00	ATLS CORP	31.00	31.00
	21.00	21.00	AVERT INC	21.00	21.00
A	115.00	11.00	AVNET INC	23.24	23.24
R	148.00	149.00	AVON PRODS	23.21	23.21
V	280.00	280.00	BCE INC	29.00	29.00
X	41.00	41.00	BELLSOUTH	39.61	39.61
S	212.00	213.00	BELO CP A	26.40	26.40
A	201.00	200.00	BETH STEEL	18.70	18.70
	307.00	310.00	BEVERLY	5.40	5.40
	118.00	119.00	BK BOSTON	24.00	24.00
D	192.00	193.00	BK BOSTN-A	0.20	0.20
P	225.00	224.00	BK NY-NY	30.00	30.00
	101.00	101.00	BK TR-NY	30.04	30.04
	68.00	69.00	BKAMERICA	10.00	10.00
T	109.00	110.00	BKHAM SPEC	7.00	7.00
IC	47.00	48.00	BKINCO	50.60	50.60
R	34.00	34.00	BOISE CASC	43.40	43.40
	340.00	340.00	BORDEN	48.67	48.67
	41.00	41.00	BOMATER	29.00	29.00
	193.00	194.00	BR TELECOM	45.00	45.00
G	28.00	28.00	BRIGGS-STYR	28.67	28.67
V	9.00	10.00	BRIST-MYER	39.67	39.67
	212.00	212.00	BRUNSWICK	21.50	21.50
	332.00	332.00	BURNDY CP	12.25	12.25
	337.00	335.00	C 3 INC	10.62	10.62
D	413.00	413.00	CABOT CORP	34.60	35.00
	129.00	130.00	CAESARS WO	23.23	23.23
L	280.00	280.00	CA FREIGHT	22.21	22.21
	109.00	109.00	CAS NAT GS	0.00	14.00
	47.00	48.00	CASD-CODGE	24.65	24.65
	15.00	15.00	CATERPILL TR	61.30	61.30
	97.00	97.00	CBT IND	26.61	26.61
	121.00	122.00	CBS	148.20	148.00
	370.00	370.00	CENTEL CP	45.00	45.00
	100.00	101.00	CHAMP INTL	33.30	33.30
	30.00	30.00	CHAMP SPA	11.60	11.60
	3.00	3.00	CHARTER CO	3.60	3.60
	24.00	24.00	CHENED CP	32.00	32.00
	26.00	26.00	CHEMICAL BANK	26.67	26.50
	47.00	48.00	CHEVRON	47.70	47.50
	21.00	21.00	CHRYSLER	21.70	21.60
	53.00	53.00	CHUBB CORP	53.70	53.60
	5.00	5.00	CHUR FR CH	5.70	5.60
	43.00	43.00	CIGNA CORP	43.40	43.20
	0.00	0.00	CIN MILAC	0.20	0.20
	26.00	26.00	CITICORP	21.60	21.70
	31.00	31.00	CLARK EQUIL	31.00	31.20
	28.00	28.00	CLOROX	28.10	28.20
	1.00	1.00	COMBIL RES	1.20	1.20
	24.00	24.00	COMBIL SP	24.50	24.70
	17.00	17.00	CAN PAC	17.40	17.20
	9.00	9.00	COACHMAN	9.10	9.10
	28.00	28.00	COASTAL	28.00	28.00
	35.00	35.00	COCA-COLA	35.60	35.60
	2.00	2.00	COLECO	2.00	2.10
	40.00	40.00	COLEMAN CO	40.20	40.40
	41.00	41.00	COLD-PALM	41.70	41.50
	16.00	16.00	COLT INDS	16.70	16.70

International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Finland is planning to sign at the beginning of June for a 15 billion yen 15-year Samurai bond issue, the Industrial Bank of Japan Ltd said as commissioned bank. (RTUV 0834)

Tokyo — Mitsui Bank Ltd has decided to issue 50 billion yen in five-year convertible bonds (CBS) and 30 billion yen in six-year CBS in the domestic credit market, a bank spokesman said. (RTUS 0815)

London — The UK government bond market, currently in the grip of a gradual downward slope in prices, is unlikely to break out of its trading range ahead of April UK trade data on Friday, dealers and economists told Reuters. (RTUK 0747)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-3/8 1/4	7-5/16 1/4	7-11/16 9/16
FFY 3.20/25	3.40/50	3.50/60
PAR 7-1/4 3/8	7-5/8 3/4	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-1/4	2-1/4 2-1/2
BREX 4.35	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
RWS 9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 3-7/8 4-0/0	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-1/8 4-1/8
70K 3.1875 2500	3.9375 4.0000	3.8750 9375
ECU ****	5.87 6.00	6.18 6.31

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	63/16	65/8
3 months	63/16	65/8
6 months	61/4	61/16
1 year	63/16	61/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	68	67	68 NICO	525	525	515
ACC	193	188	189	GRASHIN	92.50	90	91.50	WOCIL	470
ASTA PAINT	160	155	155	GSFC	116.50	114	114	ORWAY	38
BAJAJ AUTO	200	195	193.75	HIND LEVER	73	70.50	73	PEICO	35
BAR. RAYON	260	250	247.50	HINDALCO	76.50	76	75	PFIZER	72
BON. DYING	123	123	122	HINDCOCCO	83.75	80	81.25	PRE.ATO	33.50
BR. BOND	92	88	90	HINDMOTR	21.25	20.50	20.50	RAYMOND	48.50
BSE INDEX	522.03	522.03	522.03	HIND ORG	25.50	24	24	RELIANCE	164
CENTURYSPG	870	850	850	INDRATON	63.50	63	63.50	SIEMENS	78
COLGATE	200	195	193.75	INDROL	167.50	162.50	166.50	SPIC	45.25
DEEPAKERT	39.50	37.50	38	ITC	40.50	44	43	STDMILLS	245
EL. HOTEL	51	50	50	JKSYNTH	65	65	63	TATA PMR	255
ESKAYEF	166.25	165	165	L AND T	94.50	93	92.50	TATACHEM	74
ESSAR	19	17.25	18.50	MAHINDRA	60	57.50	62	TATTEL	540
GAR. POLY	85	83	83.50	MASTERSHR	11.92	10.87	11	TISCO	750
GE.SHIP	27.25	28	27.35	MATHER PL	81	82	81	VTAS	292.50

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNCK	15.10	15.20
CHEUNG K	7.05	7.10
CHINA GAS	16.20	16.10
CHINA L-P	18.20	18.40
CHINA MOTR	20.30	20.40
COSMO IND	0	4.30
EVERGO PRO	39	39
FAR EAST C	77	75
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.70	8.60
H S INDEX	491.24	506.76
HANG LUNG	5.00	5.00
HANG SENG	25.90	25.90
HAN PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.25	7.30
HK KOWLOON	6.75	6.65
HK LAND CO	7.35	7.40
HK SHAN BK	6.25	6.30
HK SHAN HT	6.27	6.32
HK TELE CO	6.95	7.50
HUTCH WHAM	8.15	8.20
IND EO PAC	10.70	10.50
JARDINE H	11.80	11.60
KOMLOON H	12.30	12.40
NEW WORLD	10.30	10.30
PAUL Y CON	2.02	2.02
REALITY DEV	5.80	5.80
S H K CO	1.82	1.83
S H K PROP	10.40	10.50
SIME DARY	1.44	1.45
STELUX NFG	2.40	2.42
SWIRE PAC	16.50	16.60
T V B CO	14.10	14.10
TAI CHEUNG	3.60	3.60
UNION BANK	1.67	1.69
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK MARI	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.07	3.07

Currency rates

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	27580	27530
Sig	51115	51415
D.M	16085	16185
S. fr	19315	19435
F. fr	04755	04785
Il. ira	0002165	0002185
Jap. yen	0021935	0022075
Bh. dirar	72625	73045
UAE dir	07455	07500
S. rial	07295	07340
Q. rial	07515	07565
O. rial	71115	71545

THE GULF BANK

Exchange Service	Margin
Indian Rupee	20.588
Pakistan Rupee	15.000
Sri Lanka Rupee	8.000
Philippine Peso	13.190
US dollar	75.13
Sterling Pound	514.80
Thailand Baht	13.37
Yen	13.38
The Islamic Fund	USD 5.90
Gold	USD 6.40
AUD 5.00%	USD 5.00%
USD 6.00%	USD 6.00%
GBP 6.00%	USD 6.00%
AUD 9.50%	USD 9.50%

Saudi and Egypt to hold talks

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, May 23 (AP) — Energy cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Egypt will be explored in talks early next month during an official visit by Egyptian Minister of Electricity and Energy, Mohamed Maher Abaza said.

In a statement to the Saudi daily, "Al Yom", Egyptian Minister of Electricity and Energy, Mohamed Maher Abaza said that the talks would also include a discussion on a power grid linking the two countries.

AMMAN

JORDAN	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.19	1.19
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.78	1.76
ARAB BANK CORP.	115.7	115.2
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.95	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.36	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.05
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR. INV. TRAD.	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/IND	0.33	0.36
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	2.00	1.99
ARAB PHARM. CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.00
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.44	0.43
DAR ALDAMA DV/IND.	1.42	1.43
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.42	0.42
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.52	0.51
GENERAL INVESTMENT	2.39	2.63
GENERAL MINING	1.26	1.26
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.22	1.30
HIJWEN MINERALS	0.79	0.79
JOY LAND INS.	1.20	1.32
IND. MATCH JENCO	0.68	0.66
INDSTR. DEVLPT BANK	1.41	1.42
INDSTR. COMM/AGR.	1.32	1.31
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COMM/INV	0.20	0.20
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	1.40	1.36
JERUSALEM SP COMPLEX	0.75	0.75
JERUSALEM INS	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	13.60
JOR CEMENT FACTOR	1.06	1.06
JOR ELEC. INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.49
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.10	1.06
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.99	0.99
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.54	1.52
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.72	0.70
JOR LTH BRICK	0.25	0.24
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.49	2.49
JOR PAPER CARDBRDS	3.07	3.08
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.25	2.28
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.14	1.20
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH	2.00	2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.63	0.62
JOR SECURIT. CORP.	0.77	0.79
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.84	2.77
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.13	1.12
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.52	4.50
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.13	7.15
JOR. FRECHON INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	1.95	1.95
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.29	0.30
JORDAN DAIRY	1.01	1.00
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.16	1.16
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.69	1.65
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.50	1.50
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POLTRY	0.77	0.76
MACHINERY/RENT/MATH	0.80	0.91
MAH INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.75
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT. CABLE/WIRE/RF	0.97	0.97
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.26	1.24
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.45	0.40
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.72
NATIONAL STEEL	2.79	2.76
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.05	1.97
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.80	0.91
RAJIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.40	0.40
SHIPPING LINES	0.83	0.84
SPINNING WEAVING	0.80	0.78
THE HOUSING BANK	1.74	1.72
UNITED INSURANCE	0.91	0.91
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.59	1.59
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.81	0.73
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.07	1.07

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	84.00	86.00	86.00
STOCK	8.30	8.40	8.30	LC-B	49	50	47
AC-A	3.50	3.55	3.55	PK-A	40	41	40
ANS	2.65	2.70	2.65	PK-B	41	42	41
GLO	34.50	35.00	35.00	OIL	---	---	---
PLDT	178.00	179.00	177.00	BP-A	0.016	0.017	0.016
PSI-A	1.66	1.66	1.66	BP-B	0.017	0.018	0.016
SMC-A	143.00	144.00	144.00	LRC-A	0.002	0.0026	---
SMC-B	182.00	184.00	184.00	LRC-B	---	---	---
MINING	---	---	---	OPW-A	0.042	0.043	0.043
APX-A	0.036	0.037	0.037	OPW-B	0.043	0.044	0.044
APX-B	0.037	0.038	0.037	OV-A	0.033	0.034	0.033
AT-A	22.50	22.75	22.25	OV-B	0.035	0.036	0.034
AT-B	22.50	22.75	22.25	TA	0.023	0.024	0.024

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	252,280	20,852,125	823.99	0.88 UP
MINING	71,991,000	6,936,500	5,594.14	34.65 DN
OIL	75,350,000	1,803,650	6.007	0.044 DN
TOTAL	149,623,280	29,592,385	830.42	3.16 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	84.00	86.00	86.00
STOCK	143.00	144.00	143.00	LC-B	46	47	47
SMC-A	183.00	185.00	184.00	LC-B	48	49	48
SO-TIRE	29.00	29.50	29.00	ZIP	0.013	0.014	0.013
PLDT	178.00	180.00	177.00	OIL	---	---	---
ANSCOR	3.55	3.60	3.50	BP-A	0.016	0.017	0.016
AC-A	8.30	8.40	8.30	BP-B	0.017	0.018	0.017
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	LRC-A	---	---	---
FER-A	2.60	2.70	2.75	LRC-B	---	---	---
FER-B	2.70	2.75	2.75	OPW-A	0.042	0.043	0.043
MINING	---	---	---	OPW-B	0.043	0.044	0.044
APX-A	0.037	0.038	0.036	OV-A	0.033	0.034	0.034
APX-B	0.037	0.038	0.037	OV-B	0.035	0.036	0.034
AT-A	22.50	22.75	22.25	TA	0.023	0.024	0.024
AT-B	24.50	24.75	24.00	---	---	---	---

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	643,770	9,049,065	819.54	UP 2.20
MINING	376,515,900	17,709,875	4,939.15	UP 9.70
OILS	204,150,000	5,112,900	6.451	UNCHANGED
TOTAL	581,309,670	31,871,840	817.19	UP 1.28

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	GSI	115	116	LEONGHUA	153
				WINNERS	272	273	M UTO IND	157
				GULA			M UTO MFG	62.5
ALJINOMOTO	188	188					M SHITA	540
ALEXANDRA	150	150	H L IND.	114	114		M SHITA	60
AMAL IND	81	81	H TAI PAN	48.5	49.5		MAGNUM	190
AMB HDGES	163	163	HARIMAU	89.5	90		MALEX IND	380
AMCOL	126	125	HAW PAR	276	278		MARCOPOLO	118
BA TDS	150	152	HEXZA	82	83		MB HDGES	65
C & C	229	229	HIND NOTL	36	36		MENANG	44.6
CARLSBERG	450	450	NTL M'SIA	560	560		METAL BOX	402
COLD STOR	366	368	NTL MEGAR	300	306		NTC BHD	378
DAYPAI	44	44	NTL PROPS	89	92		MULPAIND	23
DKNH	490	490	NTL ROYAL	113	113		MURATA	60
DUPHON	88.5	89	HUME IND	156	160		MYCON BHD	160
DUTCHBABY	444	444	HONG KONG	84	84		N ST TIME	304
ELERA MGN	107	105	NTL WOOD	210	214		NB TIMBER	83.5
EUSSO CORP	378	378	INTRACO	480	500		QUE	390
EU YAN S	194	194	ITSETAN	498	500		P MALAYAN	204
EVERPEACE			J CEMENT	64	63		ROBINSON	270
F A CCB	60	60	JACKS LTD	123	139		S PRESS	720
F A SSET	68.5	68.5	JOHAN HDG	39	39		S PRESS F	735
F F SHIP	203	206	K G HDGS	110	110		SANTO	95
FBN ORD	775	785	K KELLAS	220	227		SATERAS	44
FEB CABLE			K L IND	33	33		SEAL INC	91.5
FUJITEC	656	656	KAMUNTING	100	105		SEAWAY	535
G LUMBER	90	91	KCK SEMG	165	165		SIA FORGN	1220
GALAH HDG	28.5	29	KEWICK	227	228		SIN HENG	270
GENCO CORP	46	46	KENCO	232	238		SPK SENTO	50.5
GENTING	418	418	KG FLOOR	210	210		TONG	210
GOLD COIN	200	200	KIAN JOO	238	238		UMANG	210
GOODWOOD	1050	1050	KINGS HTL	129	129			
GRAND CEN	102	101	KUMP ENAS	90	90			

Share prices slip

Gold jumps on inflation worries

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): The price of gold jumped sharply today as investors, worried about inflation, bought steadily. Bullion was fixed in London at \$460.25 an ounce, up \$5.35 from Friday's afternoon fixing. It was the first time gold was fixed above \$460 an ounce since January.

The dollar was steady at just above 1.7 West German marks and just below 125 yen, but worries about inflation depressed share prices in London and Tokyo. Most continental European bourses were closed for the Whit Monday holiday. "People started considering inflation as a factor as commodity prices rise," a Japanese gold dealer said, adding that in the gold market, "participants take those higher prices as buying signals."

Prices

Financial markets around the world were unsettled by news that a key measure of commodity prices, the commodity research bureau index, ended last week at its highest in three years. Many investors look to gold as a safe haven for their money when inflation erodes the value of cash or securities. Dealers said Asian investors

were big buyers today. They also bought platinum, another precious metal used as a hedge against inflation, and its price rose about \$10 an ounce to \$576.50.

London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares opened 4.2 points lower at 1,766, in exceptionally quiet trading.

But inflation is worrying Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, too.

Row

Although she last week settled a political row over economic policy by agreeing with Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson on the need to keep Britain's pound sterling from rising, many analysts wonder if her government is ready to let interest rates slide further — a move which may be needed to steady the pound.

The cost of a strong pound could be lost export sales, and cutting interest rates paid on sterling bank accounts and British bonds could convince investors to sell the currency.

Prospect

But that would also lower the cost of borrowing, and cheap credit could set off a consumer spending spree that would rekindle inflation.

"The authorities have got

themselves in a bind and there's no short-term prospect of them extricating themselves from it," noted Chris Johns, currency economist at UBS-Phillips and Drew.

The pound edged higher to trade just below \$1.87, and rose above 3.18 West German marks. In Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei index fell 144.09 points to 27,249.76.

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Higher

Sydney's All-Ordinaries index closed five points higher at 1,461.3, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 1.01 points to 2,490.23.

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"I cannot see South Africa taking any retaliatory steps involving strategic metals," said Geoff Robson, metals analyst for Johnson Matthey Plc in London.

The US dollar closed at 124.80 yen and 1.7008 West German marks against 124.82 yen and 1.6998 West German marks at Tokyo's close on Friday. The price of silver was also fixed at its highest since January, at \$6.76 an ounce, up nearly 30 cents from Friday's close.

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WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, May 23, (Reuters): Australian market closed slightly firmer in quiet trade with demand for mining stocks offsetting a mixed industrial sector. The All Ordinaries index closed 5.0 points higher at 1,461.3.

TOKYO: Shares closed down with investors nervous about an upward trend in US interest rates. The Nikkei index fell 144.09 points, or 0.53 per cent, to 27,249.76.

HONG KONG: Stocks were barely changed in thin trade, reflecting a lack of fresh incentives. The Hang Seng index edged down 1.01 to 2,490.23.

SINGAPORE: Prices were lower over a broad front on lack of buying interest and bouts of selling. The Straits Times industrial index dropped 9.32 to 955.94.

BOMBAY: Prices slipped on widespread profit-taking on rumours that anticipated tax relief on dividend income might not materialise.

FRANKFURT: Market closed for Whit Monday holiday.

ZURICH: Market closed for Whit Monday holiday.

LONDON: Prices were mixed with a lower bias in quiet trading as investors showed little interest at the start of the new account. At 1414 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 2.5 at 1,767.7.

Tagi-GTI link-up planned

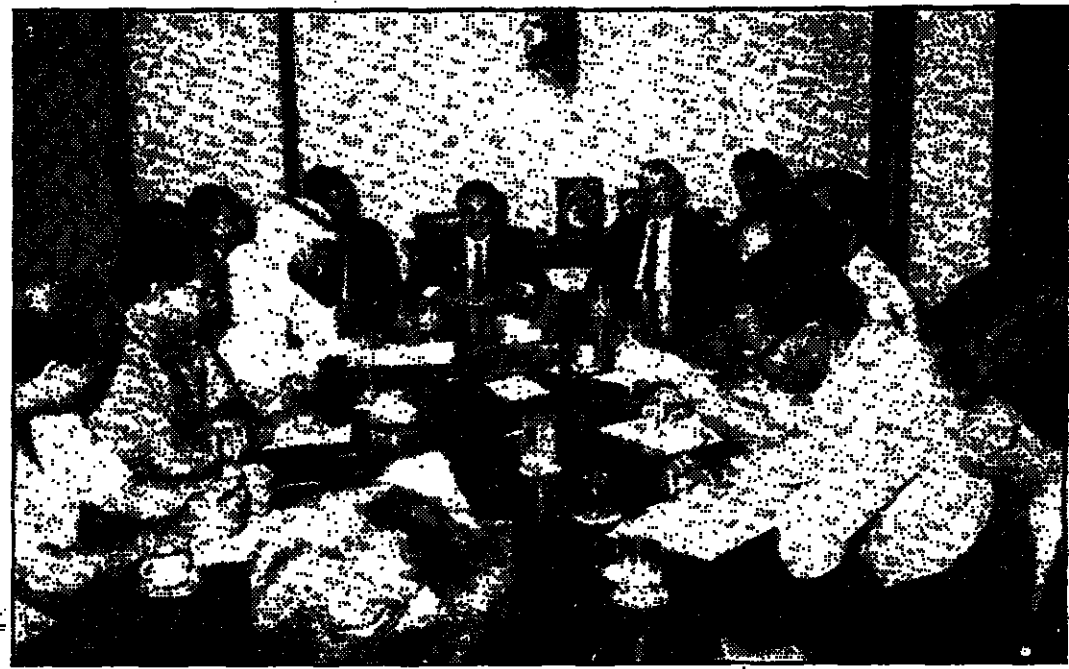
By Khaled Ahmad

TALAL Abu Ghazaleh, chairman of the Arab Chartered Accountants Forum, and chairman of Talal Abu Ghazaleh International (Tagi), announced at a press conference, held yesterday in Kuwait, that his firm had joined with Grant Thornton International (GTI), one of the 10 largest international accounting and consulting firms.

At the conference, attended by Bob Kleckner, managing director of GTI, Abu Ghazaleh described the "cooperative spirit" as a qualitative step aimed at linking the Arab area with the rest of the world. He added, the establishment would utilise this link to provide sophisticated services to its clients, similar to those offered outside the Arab world.

Changes

He commented that the accounting and auditing profession is passing through rapid changes throughout the world and Arab professionals should familiarise themselves with the latest techniques in accounting and auditing procedures. He said, the added expertise and capabilities of GTI would contribute significantly towards enhancing the capabilities of Arab professional accountants.



Abu Ghazaleh (centre) addresses the press conference.

Further, this link would provide his establishment, and consequently Arab accountants, with the needed international exposure. He clarified, the link does not conflict with existing agreements or its membership in international organisations. He went on to say, that Western markets, particularly the United States, possessed advanced capabilities, especially in the field of information.

On reasons for international attention being focused on the area, Abu Ghazaleh said "all analysis indicate the Arab world will witness hectic financial growth in the coming decade. In confirming this statement, Bob Kleckner, said, he considered it to be one of the reasons for the link-up.

Bahrain plays major role in financing of large-scale industries

Kuwait tries to stimulate private sector investment

This is the third part of the article "Focus on new development strategy in the Gulf." The first part of the article appeared in the Arab Times on May 19-20. The second part appeared on May 22.

In Bahrain, the government has played a major role in the financing of large-scale industries. The government participates in the equity capital of large aluminium industries and petrochemicals. These projects are mostly joint ventures with other GCC governments and foreign private companies. The government holds the largest share in Alba (\$7.9 per cent), Bahrain Atomizers International (51 per cent) and has total ownership of the Bahrain Aluminium Extrusion Company (Baleco). In Garmco and Gulf Petrochemicals Industries, the respective capital share of the government is 20 per cent and 33.3 per cent.

In the other GCC countries, the public sector is dominant in heavy industry, and more particularly in oil refining, fertilisers, petrochemicals, iron and steel and cement industries.

However, in Qatar the first non-oil industry, cement, was established in the late 1960s as a joint venture between the government and the private sector.

The Kuwaiti government has encouraged the mobilisation of private sector investment in manufacturing through the establishment of mixed sector companies, in which the state has a substantial equity participation.

On average, the share of the government in the paid-up capital of eight public industrial shareholding companies accounted for 43.3 per cent in 1986.

There are many niches in the Gulf markets that have not yet been filled and where joint ventures with foreign institutions may prove quite profitable. Any product or service which fills a local need (import substitution) or can be exported and does not require long term subsidies and protection to become commercially viable may be considered.

The comparative advantage of the region as a manufacturing base lies in the availability of cheap energy and the low priced local feedstock already produced from existing petrochemical plants.

The presence of modern infrastructure, the wide-ranging industrial incentives and subsidies as well as the availability of capital funding comprise added advantages.

There are as well promising opportunities for joint venture investments in the services sec-

tors which contribute about a third of the region's GDP.

The region is a big consumer of foreign services with roughly one fifth of total consumption being spent on imported services. Operations and maintenance is undoubtedly the biggest growth area.

The regional market is estimated to be worth more than \$12 billion a year. Other promising opportunities include health care, telecommunications, computers and data processing, technology transfer, human resources development, marketing, research and information and general personnel support services.

Investors

The preferred areas where foreign investors are encouraged to enter in joint ventures with Gulf partners include the following:

During the past few years primary petrochemical industries have come on stream in several Gulf countries. Private investors in the region are looking for foreign partners who can join them in establishing specialised petrochemical plants producing such products as plastics, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, solvent, fertilisers, resins, aromatic carbons, naphtha, paints, rubber products, nylon and polyester fibres, detergents,

animal feeds and other miscellaneous products. These industries can draw on relatively cheap basic and intermediate products including those processable on an export basis.

They also enjoy a major comparative advantage available in the region, namely the abundant and low cost source of energy, such as gas and hydrocarbon fuels in general.

Several mineral resources exist in economic quantities in Saudi Arabia, Oman and UAE. These include iron ore, potash, copper, phosphate, gold, limestone, etc.

The industries based on these mineral resources are characterised as being capital and energy intensive. Developing such primary industries normally creates external economies and forward linkages that would render investments in derived secondary product industries more profitable.

Opportunities

The easiest way to see opportunities here is to look at the leading brands in the market and then see if these can be produced locally. There are several successful joint ventures in this field, examples of which include the various dairy plants established in the region by joint Danish and local companies.

A plant in Saudi Arabia to produce Pampers nappies,

Kufuma furniture in Kuwait, a joint venture with Scandinavian interests, and several joint ventures with Swiss, American, German Irish and French companies working in food processing and packaging industries.

Once the established brands start being manufactured locally it will immediately enjoy a secure market. The manufacture of these products locally would also create demand for a whole range of other related products and materials.

These depend on the preceding industries, or are dependent on the presence of large markets for their products in the Arab region in particular and in the Arab region in general. Examples of these industries include: the manufacturing and assembling of certain types of vehicles, industries catering to the national and regional defence and security sectors as well as industrial requirements that serve other sectors such as the oil industry, agriculture, light industries, metal constructions and medical products.

Oil is absolutely the largest sector in the region and its needs and requirements are numerous during the different stages of production (exploration, extraction, transportation and refining). Since its beginning, the oil industry has been contributing to the development of a large associate business sector, and many industrial projects could emerge to serve this industry.

The development of selective high technological, infrastructural and engineering industries would make it possible for countries of the region to attain a certain degree of technological independence and would help in the transfer and assimilation of technology.

Examples of such products include, power projects, desalination plants, electrical inter-connection projects, air conditioning units, storage systems, valves, electrical accessories, lifting and heating machines and security systems among others.

Concluded

Crushing debt casts pall over OAU 25th anniversary

NAIROBI, May 23, (Reuters): Africa's crushing debt, defying hopes for a quick cure, casts a pall over this week's 25th anniversary meeting of the 49 member Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

African leaders gather on Wednesday for the annual OAU summit, held jointly with celebrations to mark the birth of the organisation in 1963.

But any toast to achievements of unity and solidarity will be tempered by worry over the debt, hunger, poverty, drought and civil strife that have ravaged many African economies.

Their last summit, six months ago, was convened specially to find ways of easing Africa's \$220-billion debt burden.

The extent of the burden was underlined today by the current OAU chairman, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who said African nations simply could not pay up now and should be given until well into the next century to rebuild their economies before having to repay their debts.

Debts

"African countries should not throw in the towel and do nothing about their debts," Kaunda told the pan-African news agency, but "we must declare in very clear terms to the creditors that they (African countries) will pay given at least a 20-year grace period to recover."

The OAU decided at last December's summit to re-launch an initiative first floated three years ago calling for an international debt conference at which African borrowers would benefit from collective bargain-

ing on measures for debt relief. So far, however, the call for such talks to be held next November or December, and to discuss an array of concessions sought by the OAU including rescheduling of debts for up to 60 years, has fallen on deaf ears.

A 12-member ministerial committee last March shared out responsibility for contacts with Western governments, multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), commercial banks and even Latin American borrowers to drum up support for debt negotiations.

Strategy

But IMF officials continue to support the current strategy of treating each country's debt separately.

The leader of a European Economic Community (EEC) team to Third World aid and trade talks in Mauritius this month endorsed the stand.

"There appears to be no single solution," Helmut Schaefer, minister of state at West Germany's Foreign Affairs Ministry, said on May 11 after a Lome Convention meeting between the 12-nation EEC and 66 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. They have to be different from country to country, I think."

Lenders

Creditors have launched several initiatives in the past year to help defuse Africa's debt crisis, which results largely from depressed world prices for the continent's oil, farm and metal exports.

Action by Western governments, the World Bank, IMF

and the Abidjan-based African Development Bank (ADB) is expected to make available more than \$3 billion a year in fresh aid for sub-Saharan Africa alone.

Western governments and other lenders have extended repayment periods and agreed to soften interest terms on certain debts.

But the head of the Third World delegation at this month's Lome talks, Niger's Planning Minister Almoustapha Soumaila, said comprehensive and durable solutions still have to be found.

Last December, the EEC unveiled a two-year, \$600-million emergency aid package for countries south of the Sahara desert — the world's poorest area.

But, sticking to the policy of most of Africa's creditors, EEC officials say only countries that agree to IMF — or World Bank-sponsored economic reforms will benefit.

Reforms

Some 28 sub-Saharan countries are implementing such reforms. But for some others in Africa, prospects look bleak.

Zambia, which one year ago abandoned the IMF line in favour of a go-it-alone economic policy, says it has no regrets despite action by other donors to withhold \$200 million in aid because of the break.

The IMF has declared Zambia, Sudan, Liberia and Sierra Leone ineligible for funds from it because of arrears on repayments of previous debts, a move which often prompts governments, banks and other lenders to cut off aid.

Nations battle for riches as economic power shifts to Pacific

OSAKA, Japan, May 23, (Reuters): A shift in economic power from the Atlantic to the Pacific region has touched off a scramble among rich and poor nations for a piece of the action, diplomats and businessmen say.

A host of countries, from the Soviet Union to Chile, told the Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference meeting here last week that they wanted to join the organisation to participate in the economic success of the region.

At the Soviet Union, the newly aware of the growing economic significance of the Pacific, said Evgeniy Primakov, director of the institute of world economy and international relations at Moscow's academy of science.

Crisis

The Soviet Union and the indebted countries of Latin America want to join just as the Pacific is undergoing an identity crisis due to the shift in economic power to the rapidly growing economies of Asia.

For the past eight years, the Pacific has been content to remain a loose confederation of government, business and corporate leaders from throughout the region.

But with the region's increased importance in world trade, many delegates said they see a need to strengthen the Pacific to better coordinate economic policies in the Pacific.

Proposals

The Japanese were the most ambitious in their proposals, with some of their delegates suggesting a Pacific organisation modelled on the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Paris-based Club of rich nations.

"I propose the establishment of a forum ... for the promotion

of free economic as well as cultural and information exchange," former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone told the conference. "Simply stated, this forum can be a Pacific OECD."

Some Japanese delegates said a Pacific OECD was needed to counteract the formation of what they see as trade blocs in North America and Europe.

Uncomfortable

Others saw the need for a bridge between the "West," especially the United States, and Asia's newly industrialised countries.

Japan has felt increasingly uncomfortable with the criticism levelled at the Nics' trade policies by the United States. Unlike Washington, Tokyo is running a trade surplus with the Nics. Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan, each of which except Hong Kong is a Pacific member.

Japanese suggestions for a Pacific OECD founded, partly because other countries did not want the Pacific to become dominated by bureaucrats, but also because many were afraid of an expansion of Japanese influence.

Fears

A senior US delegate was not alone in voicing fears that a Pacific OECD would end up being dominated by Japan, staffed mostly by Japanese, with its headquarters in Tokyo.

Some academics here said such fears were not misplaced. Even in America's neighbour Mexico, Japan is the second largest foreign investor, a Mexican representative said.

The Asian and US economies "will become more integrated into the financial and economic structure of Japan," said University of Southern California

professor Richard Drobnick. Even while delegates from other Asian nations were rebuilding Japanese calls for a Pacific OECD, they were urging Tokyo to expand its imports from and aid to other countries in the region.

Although the idea of a Pacific OECD failed to find favour, many here said the Pacific needed to become more structured, with a permanent secretariat and more contacts with governments.

Cooperation

"In view of the importance of the Pacific economies ... there is a growing need for closer economic cooperation," the Pacific standing committee said. "More frequent and regular exchange of information and views on the macroeconomic situation and policy is now of greater importance."

Such cooperation is not easily achieved.

The United States insisted that it be in charge of the annual Pacific economic outlooks the Pacific will issue from now on, with Japan relegated to a secondary role. The first outlook, which painted a rosy future for the Pacific region but raised some doubts about the ability of America to deal with its huge trade deficit, was mostly the work of Japan.

Approaches

The OECD itself is exploring ways of expanding its contacts with the Pacific to open up a dialogue with the Asian newly industrialised countries on ways to redress the imbalances in world trade.

Some delegates said South Korea and Singapore should join the OECD, but so far no formal approaches have been made.

California firm wins big military contract

ANKARA, May 23, (AP): A California company, FMC, has signed a \$1-billion contract to manufacture armoured combat vehicles in a venture with the Turkish government, officials said today.

The Food Machinery Corporation had competed for the contract against Krauss-Maffei of West Germany and GKN of Britain.

At the signing ceremony, Premier Turgut Ozal said the project will mean jobs for 10,000 Turks.

Vehicles

The first vehicles are scheduled to be completed in 18 months, officials said.

In all, 1,700 armoured vehicles of different types for the Turkish military are planned to be produced over 10 years.

Officials said FMC will build a production plant in partnership with the Nurol company of Turkey and would provide \$550 million in easy term credits. The credit terms were not disclosed.

The government took two years to decide on the deal.

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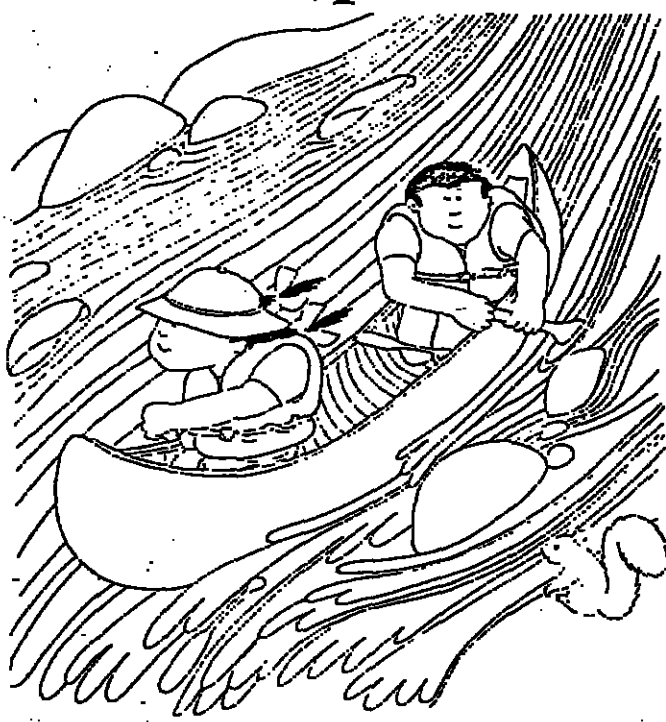
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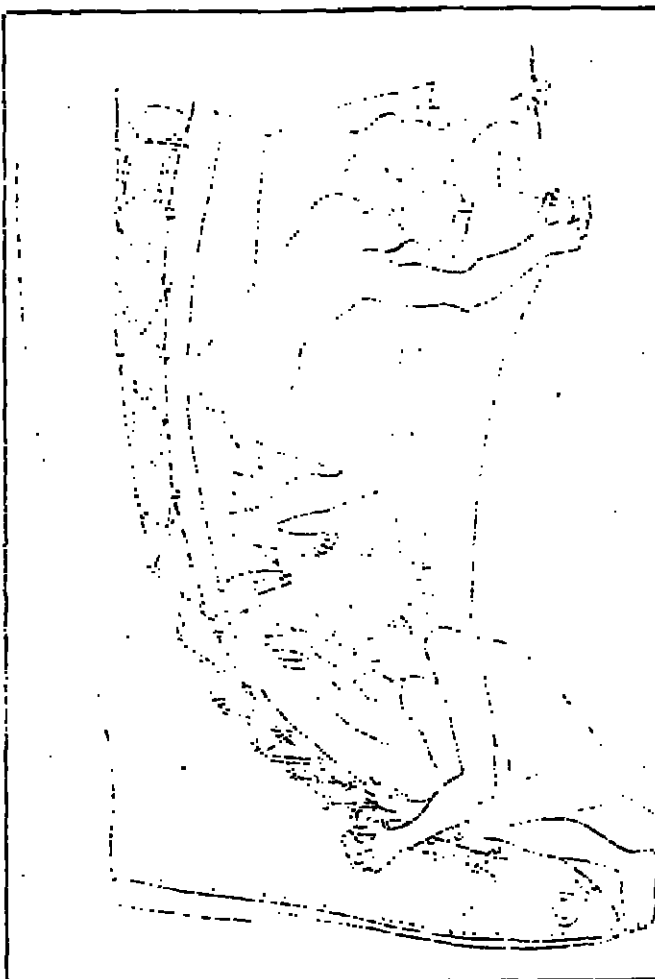
The elves and the shoemaker

A SHOEMAKER had grown so poor that he had only enough leather left to make one pair of shoes. In the evening he cut them out so that he would be ready to start work first thing in the morning. Then he went to bed, but when he awoke next day and sat down at his work bench, he found a pair of shoes, all finished and beautifully made. Soon a customer came in and paid so well for the shoes that the shoemaker was able to buy enough leather to make two new pairs. These he also cut out in the evening, and again in the morning when he sat down to work there they were, two pairs, perfectly made.

One night, shortly before Christmas, as the shoemaker was about to go to bed, he said to his wife, "Shouldn't we stay up just once and see who has been doing our work for us?"

And so they lit a candle, hid behind the clothes that hung in a corner of the room and waited. At midnight two dainty, naked elves appeared. They sat themselves down at the workbench, took the leather the shoemaker had prepared, and worked so nimbly, with such unbelievable swiftness, that the shoemaker, in his astonishment, could not take his eyes off them. The elves did not stop until everything was completed, then they sprang up and disappeared, and it was still a long time to daylight.

About elves



The wife said to her husband, "These tiny men have made us rich. We must show our gratitude. I feel so sorry for them, running around in the cold without clothing. I will make them shirts, vests, coats and pants and knit them stockings, and you make for each of them a tiny pair of shoes."

The husband agreed, and in the evening, when all was ready, they spread out the clothing, and anxious to see how the elves would react, they again hid themselves and waited. Once more the little people came at midnight. When they saw the clothes, they seemed very happy and quickly put them on. Then

they began to hop and jump and dance, and so they danced their way out of the door and never came back again.

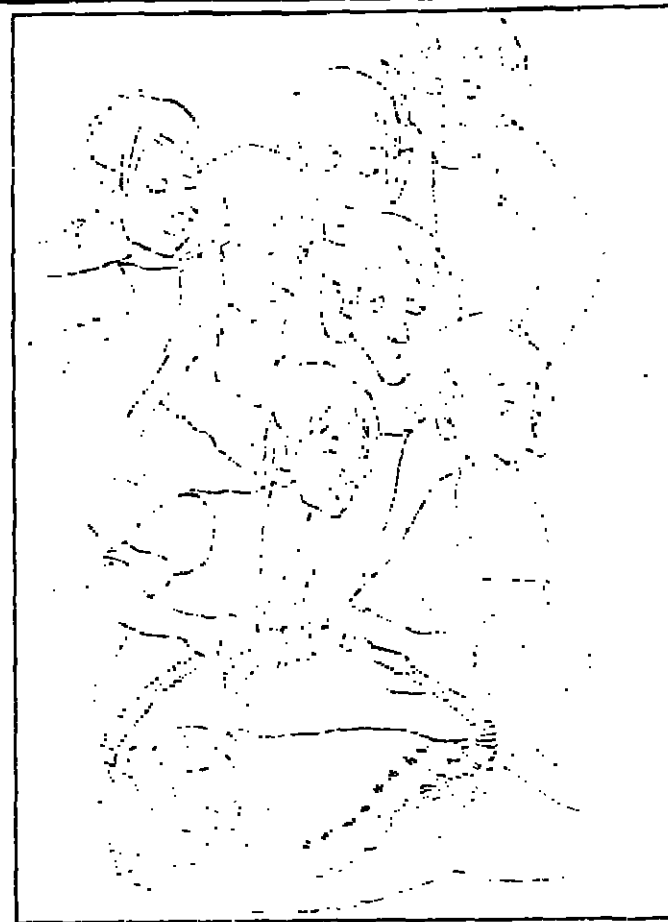
The elves ask a servant girl to be godmother

A POOR servant girl, who was industrious and clean, each day swept the dirt away from in front of the door into a great heap. One day she found a letter on top of the heap, and because she couldn't read, she brought the letter to her master. It was an invitation from the elves to be godmother at the christening of one of their children.

The girl considered the request, and finally, after it was explained to her that it would not do to turn down an invitation from the elves, she accepted.

Three elves arrived and escorted her to a hollow mountain. Everything was small, but indescribably rich and elegant. The new mother lay in a bed of ebony. Whole pearls served as knobs for the bedposts. The bedclothes were made of gold cloth, the cradle of ivory and the baby's bath of gold.

The girl had stood godmother and was ready to leave, but the elves begged her to visit three days longer. She enjoyed her stay, and when the three days were over, the elves stuffed her pockets full of gold and led her home. But when she arrived, it turned out that instead of three days she had spent a whole year in the mountain.



The woman and the changeling elf

THE elves stole a child from its crib and in its place left a blockhead, with staring eyes, that did nothing but eat and drink.

The mother in despair went to a neighbour to ask for advice. The neighbour told her to carry the changeling into the kitchen, place him next to the hearth, and then set water to boil in two eggshells. That would make the changeling laugh, and once he laughed, he would have to return to the place he

had come from. The mother did as her neighbour advised, and when she set the eggshells filled with water to boil, the changeling said:

"Now it's told as the West Wood I'm old and never till now have I seen cooking in eggshells."

He burst out laughing, and as he laughed, a crowd of elves appeared, bringing the true child with them. They sat him down by the hearth and took their own fellow away.

Let's cook

Bread and butter pudding

Ingredients
4 slices white bread
25g (1 oz) butter
50g (2 oz) mixed dried fruit
25g (1 oz) caster sugar
1 egg
250 ml (1/2 pint) milk

Equipment
500 ml (1 pint) ovenproof dish
Knife and fork
Measuring jug

1. Put oven on at Gas Mark 4 (electricity 350 F/180 C).
2. Carefully cut off crusts from bread and spread the four slices with butter. Grease the dish. Place crusts in the bottom.

3. Cut each slice of bread into four, either squares or triangles.

4. Arrange pieces of bread over the crusts and around the sides of the dish and sprinkle some of the fruit and sugar over the bread.

5. Put in another layer of bread, the rest of the fruit and some of the sugar.

6. Cover this with the rest of the bread with the buttered side up. Sprinkle with the rest of the sugar.

7. Beat the egg well into the milk and gently pour over the pudding. Let this stand for 10 minutes so that the bread will soak up the milk.

8. Put into oven and bake for 30-45 minutes until set and the top is crisp and golden.

9. Serve immediately.



Ingredients
100g (4 oz) plain flour
Pinch of salt
1 egg + milk to make up to 250 ml (1/2 pint)
Lard for frying

Equipment
Small frying pan
Serving plate
Whisk
Sieve
Palette knife

1. Sift flour and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour.
2. Beat egg and milk

Apple and raisin pancakes

together.
3. Gradually add beaten egg and a little milk to flour mixture and stir well.

4. Work in rest of liquid and mix to a smooth batter. (If any lumps occur, whisk well). Chill before using.

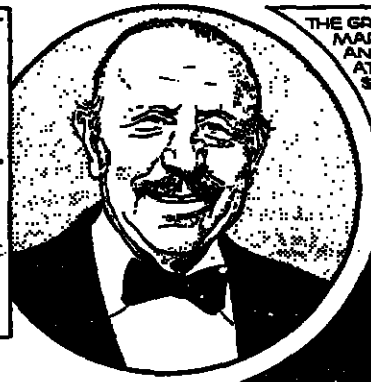
5. Melt a little lard in a heavy frying pan. Tilt so that the fat covers base empty away any excess.

6. Pour a little batter mix-

ture into the pan and tilt so that the mixture covers the base. More mixture can be added if needed but pancakes should not be too thick. Cook for 2-3 minutes until set. Free edges with palette knife and shake pan gently to free centre. Turn the pancake over.
7. Cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Turn onto warm plate and serve hot with fresh lemon or orange juice.

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How to tell seals from sea lions

Many varieties of seals live beyond the Arctic Circle. All these animals have short necks and no external ears. It is this latter feature that distinguishes true seals from sea lions which have prominent ears.

Seals range in size from the little fresh-water seal of Siberia, about one metre long, to the enormous sea elephant of the subantarctic regions, which can grow to 6 metres in length.

The most common type of seal, however, grows to a length of just over 2 metres. Its fur is brown or yellowish with dark patches. The seal's hind legs are part of its tail and cannot be used for walking. For this reason it moves by lunging its body along in a clumsy manner when on land.

On the ice the animal is not so awkward and it slides along for considerable distances. But the seal's true element is the sea for this animal is an extremely skilful swimmer and dives at the slightest sign of danger.

How turtles swim
It seems impossible that tortoises that move in such a slow, cumbersome manner should have relatives that swim fast through the ocean. Turtles, which very closely resemble tortoises, are sometimes as quick as fish in moving through the

The how of animals



water, despite their heavy shell.

These turtles can weigh up to 250 kilograms but they have adapted wonderfully to aquatic life. Through living in the sea for millions of years, their bodies have become streamlined and their paws have turned into flippers. Turtles come ashore only to lay their eggs. They drag themselves on to deserted beaches where they dig holes for their eggs.

Their home is the sea and that is where they find their food. Turtles eat meat or plants according to their species. The meat of the turtle itself is regarded as a delicacy, especially the green turtle of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

The scientific name of turtles is Chelonia and they belong to the reptile class.

How the salmon passes waterfalls

The salmon lives near the coast-line in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans in the northern hemisphere. In the month of June it leaves the ocean and swims up the river to the place where it was born. The salmon looks for fresh water with plenty of oxygen in it. Nobody knows what makes the fish undergo such tremendous difficulties to complete its journey, but the salmon goes on and many of them die before their journey's end.

In its journey upstream the salmon has to get past waterfalls. It does this by leaping out of the water, bending itself almost double to do so. Many salmon die of sheer exhaustion while others are caught and devoured by such

animals as bears.

When the fish has finally reached the fresh, clear waters of its destination, the female digs a pit in the stream gravel into which she lays her eggs. Female immediately fertilizes them and the female covers them with gravel. The Pacific salmon dies soon after spawning, but many Atlantic salmon return to the sea and may spawn again. Most spawning takes place in the late summer; the young are born about two or three months later and swim to the sea after about two years.

How the condor became a symbol of freedom

There is an old tradition among the Indians of Lake Titicaca that dates back to the Spanish conquest of South America. It concerns the fight between a condor and a bull. The condor was the emblem of the Indians while the bull represented the Spanish conquerors. According to the story the condor was put into a sack with only its neck and head left free and the sack was then tied to the back of the bull. The condor began to peck savagely at the bull's head so that the bull leapt about madly to get rid of its attacker.

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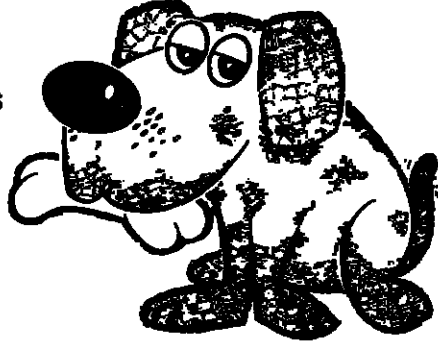
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ATHLETICS

Cruz beats Overt in 1,500m

SAO PAULO, Brazil, May 23, (Reuters): Brazil's Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz held off a late challenge by Britain's Steve Overt to win the 1,500 metres event at the international athletics meeting in Brazil yesterday.

A capacity crowd of 10,000 at the Maracanã stadium cheered as Cruz crossed the line well ahead of Overt at three minutes 41.40 seconds, against 3.42.28 by the Briton.

Although their times were slow in terms of records, Cruz was jubilant. He celebrated with the partisan crowd throughout his last lap, waving and sending kisses.

"It's good to win in Brazil," Cruz said. "The time is not important at this point. Overt put on a pressure at the end and, even though tired, I managed to retain the lead."

He said he would compete in the Seoul Olympics in the 800 metres, in which he is the defending Olympic champion, as well as in the 1,500 metres.

Overt said he was not disappointed with his performance, considering it was the first time in three years that he had run the 1,500 metres.

Trials

"I felt a bit tired but I think I did well," he said. "I can't move fast now, because I want to reach my peak between July and August, when we'll have the Olympic trials in Britain."

The hero of the day for the Brazilians was sprinter Robson Caetano da Silva, who won both the 100 metres (10.37 seconds) and the 200 metres (20.51 seconds).

Da Silva, who beat former world champion Calvin Smith of the United States in the 200 metres, said he was confident of winning a medal in that event in Seoul.

Among the women, 100-metre queen Evelyn Ashford of the United States had a slow start but recovered to win her event in 11.30 seconds.

Ashford said she was concerned about the US Olympic trials because she thought that, to qualify for the 100 metres, she would have to run it in less than 11 seconds.

PORTUGUESE HAVE TRADITION ON THEIR SIDE

Benfica and PSV set for Cup final

STUTTGART, West Germany, May 23, (Reuters): Despite the absence of Benfica's inspirational captain Diamantino, a night of enterprising soccer remains in prospect on Wednesday when the Portuguese champions meet PSV Eindhoven in the European Cup final.

Midfield mainspring Diamantino was carried off with torn knee ligaments on Saturday during Benfica's 3-0 win over Guimaraes and was immediately ruled out of the club's first appearance in a Champions' Cup final for 20 years.

Possess

Though he will be sorely missed, both Benfica and PSV possess enough other players of outstanding talent to offer the prospect of a final worthy of following Porto's exhilarating triumph over Bayern Munich.

The Portuguese victory in Vienna last year helped to fuel the ambitions of Benfica whose last appearance at the summit of the European club game came in

1968 when they were beaten 4-1 after extra time by England's Manchester United.

The football that night was a glorious testimony to the attacking instincts of two teams renowned for their flair and panache and few neutrals will watch Wednesday's final without recalling Benfica's stirring achievements of the past.

Winners of the trophy in 1961, Benfica reached the final again in 1962 when they overcame Real Madrid 5-3, with Eusebio scoring twice in one of the most famous of all Champions' Cup finals.

Eusebio, now an assistant coach at the club with whom his name is synonymous, believes the current Benfica team is excellent and well capable of keeping the European Cup in Portugal.

His confidence may be well placed, as Benfica, with such seasoned Portuguese internationals as Alvaro Magalhães and Antonio Pacheco augmen-

ted by a host of Brazilians, have tradition and experience on their side.

But PSV, appearing in the final of Europe's premier club tournament for the first time, should not be under-valued.

While Benfica have had to concede the Portuguese title this season to Porto, PSV have retained theirs for the third successive year with such a swagger most of their rivals had conceded defeat long before the end of the season.

Captured

The small Eindhoven club, backed by the enormous wealth of electrical giants Philips, finished nine points clear of runners-up to Ajax Amsterdam, losing only two of 34 League matches and scoring more than 100 goals.

They also won the Dutch Cup on May 12 — their last competitive outing — when they beat Roda JC 3-2 after extra time.

Not since the heyday of Ajax and Johan Cruyff in the 1970s have a Dutch team captured so

much attention with the quality of their football.

In Dutch international libero Ronald Koeman, Danish work-horse Søren Lerby and his mid-field colleague Gerald Vanenburg, PSV have three players of the highest class whose skills perfectly harmonise within the team.

"Ajax's great sides of the 1970s relied too much on Cruyff," said PSV coach Guus Hiddink. "Now PSV have players who can come forward to attack from every side of the pitch."

Hiddink's comment did little to disguise his admiration for inventive teamwork or his pleasure in seeing PSV emerge stronger this season after the sale of European Player of the Year Rens van der Gijp to AC Milan of Italy.

"We have a new generation of Dutch players at club and national level who can achieve more than the 1970s because the teams have strength in depth," he added.

Like their predecessors, PSV not only have the skill but also the temperament for the big occasion — a quality they have already shown by eliminating Bordeaux and Real Madrid on away goals in successive rounds to reach the final.

That quality, a blend of rugged determination and cold tactical acumen, could prove to be their most dangerous weapon against the technically brilliant, instinctive, but perhaps less durable, Portuguese.

Aggregate

Against the Danes of Aarhus, Benfica scrapped through only 1-0 aggregate in the second round against Partizan Tirana of Albania.

They reached the final with further victories over Anderlecht (2-1 on aggregate) and 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest (3-0).

PSV beat Galatasaray (3-2), Rapid Vienna (4-1), Bordeaux (1-1) and Real Madrid (1-1) to earn their place in the final.

Orioles score 2nd straight victory

BALTIMORE, May 23, (AP): After almost two months of the most dismal baseball in history, things may finally be looking up for the Baltimore Orioles.

They combined the five-hit pitching of rookie Jose Bautista and Mike Morgan with home runs by Larry Sheets and Cal Ripken to defeat the Seattle Mariners 7-2 yesterday for their first two-game winning streak of the 8-34 season.

Seattle's Mike Moore walked four of the first nine batters he faced but held the Orioles hitless until the fourth when he issued a leadoff walk to Eddie Murray and Sheets hit a two-run homer, his third, giving the Orioles a 2-0 lead.

Ripken made it 4-0 in the fifth with his seventh homer with Keith Hughes on base via a single.

Bautista had retired 14 batters in a row until a two-out single by Ken Phelps in the seventh. Mickey Brantley followed with a home run to cut the Orioles' lead.

However, Baltimore scored three times in the eighth on a hit batsman and a balk, both with the bases loaded, and Hughes' sacrifice fly.

Yankees 2, Athletics 0

John Candelaria pitched a

two-hitter, striking out 13, and Jack Clark hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics 2-0 yesterday, taking two of three games in the weekend duel of American League division leaders.

Candelaria, 6-2, retired the first 14 batters, striking out seven. Dave Henderson broke the string when he doubled with two out in the fifth. Oakland's only other baserunner was Carney Lansford, who singled with two out in the sixth.

Don Mattingly opened the Yankees' fourth against Storm Davis with a double and Clark followed with his eighth home run.

Results	
American League	
Boston	12 California 4
Detroit	3 Chicago 1
New York	2 Oakland 0
Baltimore	7 Seattle 2
Cleveland	8 Kansas City 7
Milwaukee	7 Toronto 1
(1) Minnesota	15 Texas 5
(2) Minnesota	4 Texas 2
National League	
San Francisco	7 Montreal 2
Chicago	5 Cincinnati 1
Atlanta	6 Pittsburgh 4
New York	5 Los Angeles 2
San Diego	9 Philadelphia 4
Houston	2 St Louis 1

Warwickshire score rare one-day win

LONDON, May 23, (Reuters): A Sunday Cricket League best performance of five for 23 by paceman Dermot Reeve gave Warwickshire their first win of the season when they beat second-placed Essex by six wickets at Edgbaston yesterday.

After coming bottom of the League last year and without a win in three matches this season, Warwickshire dismissed Essex for 130 and then passed that total for the loss of only four wickets with 4.1 overs in hand.

Embarrassment

The first six Essex wickets tumbled for 49 and it was only a rapid 40-off 29 balls by England fast bowler Neil Foster that saved them even greater embarrassment.

There was also a Sunday best from Yorkshire medium pacer Stuart Fletcher who took four for 11 as Kent were bowled out for 116 in reply to Yorkshire's 159 for six in their 40 overs at Canterbury.

Surrey, sixth in the table at the start of the day, joined Middlesex

at the top after a fine all-round performance by captain Ian Greig saw them to a seven-wicket win over Northamptonshire at the Oval.

Greig took three for 20 as Northants were dismissed for 133 and then scored an unbeaten 56 as Surrey passed the total with two overs to spare.

Middlesex were without a League match yesterday.

Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick defied a thigh injury to hit 66 and lead defending champion Worcestershire to a four wicket triumph over Leicestershire.

After former England captain David Gower had scored 50 in Leicestershire's 197 for nine at Leicester, Hick cracked a six and six fours as Worcestershire passed the home team's total with two balls to spare.

Earlier, Worcestershire openers Tim Curtis and Steve Rhodes had put on 83 for the first wicket.

Results

At Canterbury: Yorkshire beat Kent by 43 runs. Yorkshire 159 for six in 40 overs, Kent 116 for 11 in 30 overs.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Sussex by six wickets. Sussex 152 for eight in 40 overs, Nottinghamshire 156 for four in 38.1 overs (J. Birch 65 not out). Nottinghamshire four points.

At Cambridge: Middlesex 262 and 31 for two, Cambridge University 237 for seven declared (M. Atherton 151 not out, S. Hughes four for 39).

At Leicester: Worcestershire beat Leicestershire by four wickets. Leicestershire 197 for nine in 40 overs, Worcestershire 201 for six in 39.4 overs (G. Hick 66, T. Curtis 50, P. Willey three for 20). Worcestershire four points.

At Newport: Glamorgan beat Derbyshire by 25 runs. Glamorgan 199 for eight in 40 overs, Derbyshire 174 in 39.2 overs (K. Barnett 90 not out). Glamorgan four points.

Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after yesterday's matches (tableau under — played, won, lost, no result, points):

Middlesex	4	3	0	1	14
Surrey	4	3	0	1	14
Essex	5	3	2	0	12
Glamorgan	4	3	2	0	12
Gloucestershire	4	3	1	0	12
Lancashire	4	3	1	0	12
Worcestershire	5	3	2	0	12
Kent	5	2	2	1	10
Yorkshire	5	2	2	1	10
Nottinghamshire	5	2	2	1	10
Derbyshire	4	1	2	1	6
Leicestershire	4	1	2	1	6
Hampshire	4	1	2	1	6
Northamptonshire	4	1	2	1	6
Sussex	4	1	2	1	6
Warwickshire	4	1	2	1	6
Somerset	3	0	3	0	0

Sweden sail past Kuwait

FLORENCE, Italy, May 23, (AP): Italy and Sweden both scored third round victories to remain the only two teams undefeated in the men's Olympic qualifying volleyball competition here yesterday.

Canada, which had lost to both Italy and Sweden in the first two rounds, downed Algeria 15-0, 15-7, 15-5.

Italy defeated Taiwan 15-2, 15-4, 17-15 before Sweden handed Kuwait its first loss of the tournament, 15-4, 15-8, 15-2.

Today is a day of rest for the clubs as attention turns to the exhibition match in Verona between the US and the Soviet Union.

Play resumes tomorrow with the following matches: Algeria-Sweden, Canada-Taiwan, Italy-Kuwait.

Standings

Standings after third day (tabulate)				
under played, won, lost, points:				
Italy	3	3	0	6
Sweden	3	3	0	6
Kuwait	3	2	1	4
Canada	3	1	2	2
Algeria	3	0	3	0
Taiwan	3	0	3	0

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Zola Budd

LONDON, May 23. (Reuters): Zola Budd, who returned to her native South Africa on May 10 suffering from nervous exhaustion, remains suspended from British athletics until she appears before a British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) inquiry committee, the BAAB said today.

KCL tourney

THE Kuwait Cricket League announced yesterday that the 1988 KCL Summer Cricket League would start at the KCL Ground, at Sabah Al Salem area, from June 3. Interested teams should contact Sajid Rizvi, president, Kuwait Cricket League before May 31, 1988. Tel. 5332052.

Chess champion

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 23. (AP): World champion Gary Kasparov of the Soviet Union yesterday scored a hard-fought victory in seventh-round action to strengthen his leading position in the Amsterdam chess tournament.

Hockey tourney

NAIROBI, May 23. (Reuters): Canada, India, hosts Kenya, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and Spain will take part in a hockey tournament here from June 10 to 17. Hardev Singh, secretary of the Kenya Hockey Union, said today.

French Oaks

PARIS, May 23. (Reuters): Riviera D'or and Norland placed one-two a neck apart in the Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp yesterday and will race each other again in the Prix de Diane Hermes - the French Oaks - at Chantilly in three weeks time.

Belgian Cup

ANTWERP, Belgium, May 23. (Reuters): Romanian teenager Stela Pura clocked the world's fastest time of the year for the 200 metres butterfly at the Belgian Cup International swimming competition yesterday.

Stanley Cup

BOSTON, May 23. (Reuters): Esa Tikkanen scored three goals to give the Edmonton Oilers a 6-3 win over the Boston Bruins yesterday and a commanding three games to none lead in the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup final.

Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, May 23. (Reuters): Three-time winner Johnny Rutherford headed the list of final qualifiers yesterday for the 72nd Indianapolis 500 motor race, but two-time winner Gordon Johncock failed to make the field.

Major setback

LONDON, May 23. (Reuters): British Sports Minister Colin Moynihan said yesterday the crowd violence at the England-Scotland match was a 'major setback' to the hopes of English soccer clubs being re-admitted to Europe next season.

Arab Cup

AMMAN, May 23. (Kuna): The chairman of the Kuwait Soccer Association Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah today confirmed the participation of the Kuwaiti national soccer team in the finals of the 5th Arab Cup, which is scheduled to be held here from July 8 to 23.

Colonial golf

PORT WORTH, Texas, May 23. (Reuters): Lanny Wadkins came from five strokes off the pace yesterday to win the \$75,000 Colonial National Invitation golf tournament by one stroke.

MCENROE STEALS SHOW ON OPENING DAY

Graf and Agassi cruise into second round

PARIS, May 23. (Reuters): Steffi Graf began her defence of the French Open title with an untypically distracted display on the opening morning of the championships today.

The teenage champion, winner of the Australian Open at Flinders Park, Melbourne, last January, beat France's Natalie Guerin 6-0 6-4 but gave the impression she would rather have spent the time elsewhere.

Bidding to become the first woman since Margaret Court in 1970 to complete the Grand Slam of all four major championships, Graf threatened to blast Guerin of the centre court at Roland Garros in an 18-minute first set which was a statistician's delight.

Seage The West German launched the championships by surrendering a mere 11 points - three on serve - in the six games as Guerin, ranked 232nd in the world, struggled to cope with the title holder's savage forehand.

But at 2-0 and 40-15 in the second set, Graf became alarmingly careless as if she was already planning her afternoon in the sun by the River Seine.

"It had been very easy up to that point," said Graf. "Then I took a volley at the net when the ball had been going out and that

completely threw me. I was rushing too much, tried too hard to make every shot a winner and just took too many risks."

Andre Agassi's return to Roland Garros attracted a large audience to the centre court where the ninth seed outclassed Italian number one Paolo Cane 6-4 6-1 6-2.

The combination of warm, hazy sunshine and the 1988 Paris debut of the 18-year-old American brought out the rich and famous and there was standing room only in the players' box, further evidence of Agassi's growing standing in the game.

Hana Mandlikova, once of Czechoslovakia now of Australia who was champion here in 1981 as an exciting 19-year-old, began her campaign with smooth 6-2 6-1 win over her new compatriot Elizabeth Minter.

But even Agassi had to bow to the magical appeal of John McEnroe, a straight sets winner over unpredictable Russian Alexander Volkov.

The old master left Roland Garros in disgrace 12 months ago after losing to Argentine Horacio de la Pena on the centre court in the first round.

With Peter Fleming offering encouragement from the front row of the grandstand in his mul-



Graf, distracted in the 2nd set

tipule role of assistant coach, manager and unpaid nanny, McEnroe was in mellow mood winning 7-6 6-1 7-6 on the bulling-shaped number one court. Still viewed as the world's greatest living tennis player by some, McEnroe had been scheduled to appear on the centre court, but allowed Agassi that privilege in the hope of a quiet life away from the 16,500 capacity showpiece arena.

McEnroe's switch was in vain. They were even sitting in the

aisles in the press box... and that during the famous Roland Garros lunch which includes unlimited free beaoulais.

Back on the centre court, Yannick Noah was serving up champagne tennis in his effortless 7-6 6-1 6-4 win over West German Ricki Osterthun.

Out on court two, third seed Mats Wilander, the winner here in 1982 and 1985 beat Josef Chahok of Czechoslovakia in three sets of unmitigated boredom.

Wilander's tedious 7-5 7-5 6-1

victory in almost three hours recalled his most famous joke - a Swedish tennis player and a Czechoslovak tennis player fling themselves out of a 40th storey window, who lands first? Answer: who cares?

Results

1 - Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Natalie Guerin (France) 6-0 6-4.
7 - Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Angeliki Kanellopoulou (Greece) 6-2 6-4.
Linda Ferrando (Italy) beat Kathleen Horvath (US) 6-2 2-6 6-3.
Louise Field (Australia) beat Carole Christian (US) 6-1 4-6 6-1.
Paul Annacone (US) beat Tarik Benhabiles (France) 6-3 6-3 6-4.
Francesco Cancellotti (Italy) beat Michael Schapen (Netherlands) 6-4 6-2 6-2.
10 - Zina Garrison (US) beat Stephanie Rehe (US) 6-2 4-6 6-1.
Hana Mandlikova (Australia) beat Elizabeth Minter (Australia) 6-2 6-1.
Masako Yanagi (Japan) beat Michelle Jagger (Australia) 6-4 6-3 7-5.
Arnaud Boesch (France) beat Mel Purcell (US) 6-4 6-1 2-6 7-5.
Jorge Lozano (Mexico) beat Broderick Dyke (Australia) 6-4 6-3 7-5.
Eduardo Masso (Argentina) beat Amos Mansdorf (Israel) 6-4 4-6 6-1 1-0 retired injured.
Alberto Tomba (Spain) beat Ramesh Krishnan (India) 6-1 6-5 7-6.
Federico Bonifantini (Italy) beat Hu Na (US) 5-7 6-4 6-3.
Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) beat Milan Seiner (Czechoslovakia) 7-5 6-0 6-3.
Marcelo Filippini (Uruguay) beat John Ross (US) 6-4 7-5 6-3.

6 - Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) beat Isabel Cotto (West Germany) 6-2 6-0.
Nicola Pietrangeli (Netherlands) beat Marcela Meester (Netherlands) 6-3 6-1.
Susan Sloane (US) beat Camille Benjamin (US) 6-2 6-4 6-1.

3 - Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Josef Chahok (Czechoslovakia) 7-5 7-5 6-1.
Eva Pfaff (West Germany) beat Amy Frazier (US) 6-3 6-3.
Gisela Mero (Brazil) beat Julie Halard (France) 6-3 6-2.
Patricia Tarabini (Argentina) beat Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) 6-3 6-2.
12 - Raffaella Reggi (Italy) beat Sabrina Golez (Yugoslavia) 6-4 6-2.

16 - John McEnroe (US) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 7-6 (7-2) 6-1 7-6 (7-2).
Yannick Noah (France) beat Ricki Osterthun (West Germany) 7-6 (7-4) 6-1 6-4.
Jeremy Bates (Britain) beat Mark Woodbridge (Australia) 6-4 6-2 6-2 7-6 (7-0).
Todd Witsken (US) beat Branimir Stankovic (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 6-0 6-3.
Francisco Yunis (Argentina) beat Eduardo Cotto (Spain) 6-2 6-4 2-6 6-3.
Donna Faber (US) beat Catherine Moles (France) 6-0 6-4.

Andrei Vysand (Soviet Union) beat Menno Oosting (Netherlands) 6-4 6-1 6-1.
Jim Pugh (US) beat Tomas Sand (Czechoslovakia) 6-3 6-1 6-3.
4 - Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) beat Malde Lavel (France) 6-1 7-5.
Peggy Harper (US) beat Lisa Bonder (US) 1-6 6-3 6-4.
Laura Garrone (Italy) beat Katrina Adams (US) 7-5 1-6 6-3.
Tore Melander (Sweden) beat Christine Singer (West Germany) 1-6 6-2 6-2.
Melissa Gurney (US) beat Sabine Auer (West Germany) 7-5 7-5.

12 - Emilio Sanchez (Spain) beat Mansour Bahrami (Iran) 6-1 7-5 6-3.
Radka Zrubkova (Czechoslovakia) beat Monique Javer (United States) 6-0 6-0.
Maris Strandland (Sweden) beat Christine Singer (West Germany) 1-6 6-2 6-2.
Melissa Gurney (US) beat Sabine Auer (West Germany) 7-5 7-5.

England bowlers restrict West Indies

LONDON, May 23. (AP): The West Indies laboured to 125 for six off 50 overs in the third one-day cricket international against England at Lord's today as rain and bad light forced the match into a second day.

Tight bowling by England, which already holds an unsailable 2-0 lead in the series, severely restricted the West Indies stroke-makers with seam bowler Philip DeFreitas yielding no runs off his first five overs.

Struggling Opener Gordon Greenidge battled to 39 with a six and five fours, but Viv Richards went for nine. Gus Logie failed to score. Desmond Haynes made ten and Richie Richardson continued his run of low scores by struggling to 13.



DeFreitas: tight bowling

The West Indies batsmen were not helped by repeated hold-ups caused by rain and bad light.

They meant the batsmen were unable to settle and the gray skies and damp conditions helped the English bowlers.

Haynes, recalled to the side in place of Phil Simmons, was first to go when he was run out by a brilliant combination of fielding by Chris Broad and Derek Pringle.

Greenidge and Richardson pushed the score on to 75 before the wickets began to tumble with three falling in the space of four runs.

DeFreitas took a tumbling catch on the boundary to remove Greenidge and, four runs later, Richardson edged a ball from Derek Pringle to wicket-keeper Paul Downton. Logie lasted four deliveries

before he was run out by a direct throw from Allan Lamb while chasing a quick single.

Richards was bogged down by the English bowling for 38 minutes before he tried to hit out at a ball from DeFreitas and was caught by John Emburey.

Carl Hooper and Jeff Dujon saw the West Indies through to 100 before bad light caused another interruption.

When play resumed, Hooper was the third West Indian batsman to be run out when he chased a second run, only to be beaten by a stunning throw from the boundary by DeFreitas.

At the close, Dujon was unbeaten on 15 while Malcolm Marshall was on nine. The match continues tomorrow.

Real finish season with victory

MADRID, May 23. (Reuters): Veteran Real Madrid striker Carlos Santillana celebrated his last professional game with a splendid goal, helping the newly crowned Spanish League champions to end the season with a 2-1 win over Real Valladolid yesterday.

Santillana, 35, who is retiring after 17 seasons with Real, scored his side's second goal on the final day of the season with a perfectly timed header which

easily beat Valladolid's Chilean goalkeeper Oscar Wirth. Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez collected the First Division's top scorer award for a record fourth consecutive year after taking his season's tally to 29 with Real's opening goal yesterday.

Relegation

Valladolid striker Gregorio Fomseca scored in the second half.

Espanol, still licking their wounds from their UEFA Cup final defeat by Bayer Leverkusen last Wednesday, were saved from relegation when they drew 0-0 with Logrones.

Sabadell, beaten 2-0 away by Athletic Bilbao, go down to the Second Division together with Las Palmas, who lost 2-1 at home to Real Betis. Second Division champion Malaga and second-placed Elche are promoted to the First.

High score for International

KTMSD have now received details of the points awarded by Fisa for March's Kuwait International Rally.

Despite the controversy surrounding the initial decision to ban the three leading drivers, and the furore over the final result, the rally scored a high percentage - 84.5 per cent, or 169.1 of the available 200 marks.

This is an improvement on last year's event, which had scored the highest marks ever for a Kuwait event.

Dutch to experiment with players in soccer friendly

AMSTERDAM, May 23. (Reuters): The Netherlands, deprived of several players by PSV Eindhoven's involvement in the European Cup final, will use tomorrow's friendly with Bulgaria to test out alternatives in case injury strikes at next month's European Championship. With striker Marco van Basten also injured, coach Rinus Michels fields a team in Rotterdam he would play in the West German finals only if hit by a plague of injuries or illness.

"It's true this is the sort of side I would have to play if things went very wrong in West Germany," Michels told Reuters. "But it's a good chance to try out new players."

Van Basten, just back to form with his Italian club AC Milan after an ankle injury, fractured a cheekbone in an examination match for his club last Wednesday. He had a minor operation in Amsterdam on Saturday but should resume training by the end of the week, Michels said.

China thrash England in Thomas Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, May 23. (Reuters): China confirmed their status as favourites for the Thomas Cup today when they demolished England 5-0 on the first day of the World Team Badminton finals.

In the stifling humidity of Kuala Lumpur's Negara stadium, world champion Yang Yang, Xiong Guobao and Zhao Jianhua all had straight-game wins over their English opponents. Both Chinese doubles pairs also won without dropping a game.

England's Steve Baddeley, who was beaten 15-10 15-6 by Xiong Guobao, said the conditions, which forced tournament assistants to sweep sweat regularly from the courts, worked in favour of the Asians.

Outsiders "I came back in the first set but my muscles got tired. Mentally you get very uncomfortable and it's hard to maintain concentration in the humidity," Baddeley said.

In Group B, Indonesia, favourites to meet China in the final, predictably beat outsiders Sweden by the same margin while the Indonesian women's team routed Malaysia 5-0 in the Uber Cup.

Celtics defeat tough Hawks

BOSTON, May 23. (Reuters): Larry Bird scored 34 points and Kevin McHale 33 as the Boston Celtics beat the Atlanta Hawks 118-116 yesterday in the seventh and deciding game of the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference semifinal.

Boston will face the Detroit Pistons in a best-of-seven Eastern Conference championship series beginning on Wednesday.

Ahead High scorer in the game was Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins with 47 points. Randy Wittman had 22 and Doc Rivers put in 16 and had 18 assists for the Hawks. Atlanta led 30 to 28 at the end of the first quarter, but the Celtics were ahead 59-58 at the half. At the end of the third quarter, Boston led 84-82 with each team getting 34 points in the last quarter.

COMO, Italy, May 23. (Reuters): Greg Norman went a considerable way towards paying for the Ferrari he bought here by winning an all-Australian battle with Craig Parry for the Italian Open golf title at Monticello yesterday. After earlier rain forced the final two rounds to be played in one day, Norman fired a 63 in the morning and a 70 in the afternoon for a 15-under-par 270 total.

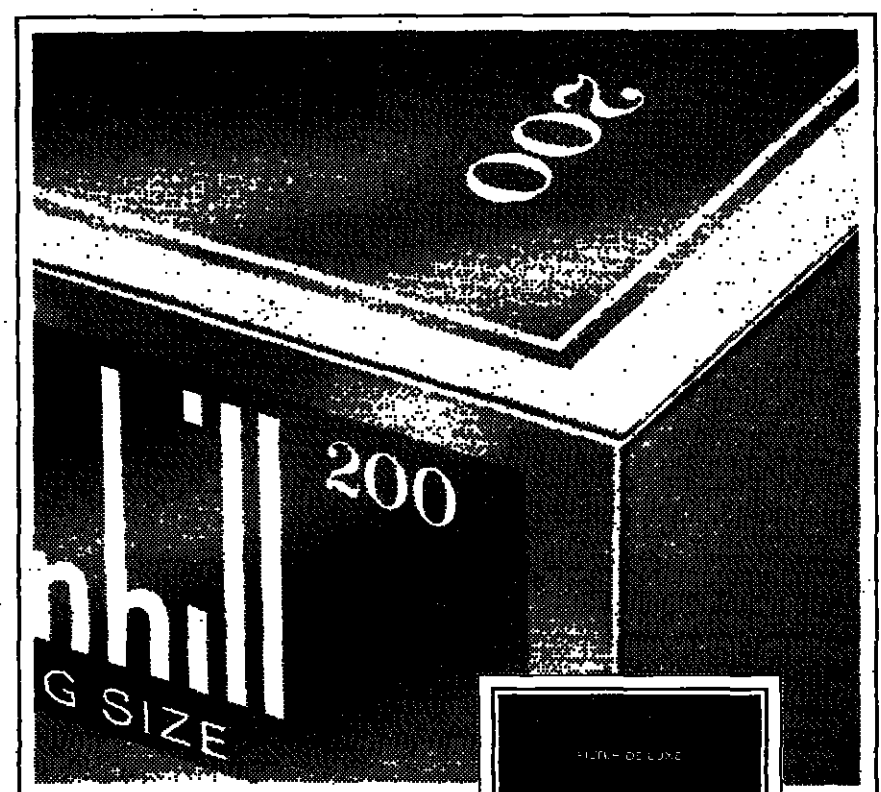
But he had to wait more than an hour to see if Parry, third at last year's European Tour

qualifying school, could catch him. Parry needed just one birdie on the closing holes, but could not get it.

It was Norman's 47th victory worldwide and earned him \$35,000 (\$63,700) to add to his appearance fee of around \$45,000 (\$81,900).

Parry, 21, ended a stroke behind after shooting 67-71. Northern Ireland's Rohan Rafferty, beaten in a play-off in the 1986 Italian Open, finishing third a stroke further back on 272 after shooting 67-69.

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Obelmejas takes WBA crown



Obelmejas flashes 'V' signs after winning the title. (Reuters wirephoto)

SEOUL, May 23. (Reuters): Venezuela's Fulgencio Obelmejas floored holder Park Chong-Pal of South Korea three times before winning the World Boxing Association (WBA) super-middleweight title on points today.

The 35-year-old Venezuelan took complete control in the closing rounds of the 12-round bout in the central South Korean city of Chungju.

Park, 28, failed to make good his promise to avenge his 1981 knockout by Obelmejas in a non-title fight in Caracas.

Park was making his second defence of the crown he won by stopping Mexican Jesus Gallardo in the second round last December. He scored a fifth-round knockout over Indonesian Polly Pasireron in his first title defence in March.

There was little to choose between the two boxers in the opening rounds. But the more experienced Venezuelan gradually began to get the upper-

hand and Park suffered a cut eye in the seventh following a clash of heads.

The first knockdown came in the ninth round when Obelmejas sent the champion sprawling face down on the canvas with a crisp, left-right combination to the head. Park struggled to his feet at the count of eight.

Blow

Shortly afterwards American referee Nick Kurtin suspended the fight for about a minute after a low blow by Obelmejas. The bell saved the Korean from further punishment.

Obelmejas kept up the pressure in the 10th, landing a fierce blow to the body which put Park down for the second time. Park, bleeding heavily from the nose, struggled to his feet but he was on the canvas again a few seconds later after a vicious left hook to the body.

He weathered the remaining rounds by keeping his distance from the tigerish Obelmejas.